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## HELLAS HOPES!

By KEITH GILMOUR

**SOUTH MELBOURNE Hellas coach Brian Garvey has his eyes firmly fixed on a hopefully favourable outcome to the Sydney Olympic clash at Middle Park on Sunday.**

It will take a Hellas win and a Marconi loss to Sydney Croatia at the Croatian Sports Centre to lift the team into the NSL semi-finals.

Garvey said: "We must get our end right.

Olympic was disappointing last week but we must take nothing for granted.

"I'll probably retain the team that handled Melbourne Croatia so well."

It's a case of one thing at a time. After Sunday Garvey will apply his mind to the big Beach Fashions Cup finals against reincarnated Sydney Croatia.

The first leg will be at St George Stadium next Wednesday, October 14 at 7.30pm, with the return at Olympic Park on Sunday, October 18.

It is certainly a nerve-racking weekend for South Melbourne and Marconi.

APIA-Leichhardt (34 pts), Preston Macedonia (29), St George (28) and Sydney Croatia (26) have already qualified for the five.

Consternation reigns at the other end, with Sunshine George Cross one point to the good over Heidelberg in the relegation stakes.

## VICTORIA'S ROTHMANS

BY TOM PETERS

**VICTORIA'S** glittering Rothmans Medal presentation function takes place at the Southern Cross Hotel on Friday night.

Paul Harris of Caulfield City is one of a group of State League players who could claim the prize.

The Green Gully duo of Les Carter and Tommy Cumming are also well in the running.

And watch out for Dennis Morovic of St Albans, who was the



VSL's leading scorer for the year.

Bobby McGuinness, a previous award winner, is a Thomastown possibility along with Kevin Karfora.

Morwell Falcon's Emil Bruns polled particularly well last season, and with team-mate John O'Callaghan, could be strong contenders.

Others who should be in the hunt are Ian Tuffield (Fawkner), Ally Dick (Oakleigh), and Billy Hamill and Darren Tuck of Western Suburbs.

**ROBBIE DUNN** (Melbourne Croatia) with ball tied to foot. Carl Halford (right) and Steve Blair (left) appeal. In centre Ian Wallace. — Photo LES SHORROCK.

## WOLVES' IN BIG PROMOTION

**WOLLONGONG CITY is set to complete a promotional package to upgrade its new West End NSL team.**

BY KEITH GILMOUR

Club chairman Lawrie Kelly said: "The board will meet by Friday and expects to finalise all arrangements.

"It is an exciting concept for the club, and one which will give us top class advertising and promotion.

"We will also be able to field high quality guest players."

Promoter Harry Michaels, a Soccer fanatic who believes the game

can be greatly upgraded, has been searching for a vehicle through which to build the game and is the man behind the scenes.

As chairman of the Wollongong Sports Ground Trust which takes in both the new Brandon Park and Wollongong Show Ground, Mr Kelly expects to see the Brandon Park complex ready for use by

the beginning of April.

It will house the major ethnic display of the Bicentennial on April 2, and then will turn to Soccer.

Tenders to instal the seating in the 3000 capacity grandstand have now been called.

"The next project is in the hands of Wollongong City Council. They will complete the perimeter fence around the main

ground and the two training grounds.

"In addition Council will lay the internal road system," Mr Kelly added.

Brandon Park is located just north of the main business area of the city.

Mr Kelly, Speaker of the NSW Legislative Assembly, has taken a deep personal interest in progress of the new stadium.

With the NSL opening for business in late January early matches will be played at Wollongong Showground.

# ANASTASIADIS, STOWELL... P3 WEST END LEAGUE P6/7



WRITES RALE RASIC

INDICATIONS are that Sydney Olympic is edging closer to an agreement which could see them as one of the major tenants of the new \$62 million Sydney Football Stadium.

The present club management is aiming to lift the club back towards stability after years of the opposite.

Major negotiations revolve around signage income which the club would need in order to afford the ground hiring costs.

Should Sydney Olympic win out, the deal would have the potential to be a major National League breakthrough.

Alternatively of course they will remain well housed with St George.

As it stands too many major Soccer clubs are located on poor quality grounds. In NSW the rugby league authorities tie up even the grounds which become surplus on long term leases, which has the effect of locking Soccer out.

This newspaper has previously pointed out the unbelievable lack of national representation for what has been claimed to be a national league.

Well before the current 14 team competition was set up, an NSL leader referred to the need to "return to our traditional supporters".

The thrust, properly analysed, was one designed to particularly aid the Melbourne clubs.

Overall there is no doubt that the move to one competition has produced less than the minimum expected results.

Standards of play improvement and reintroduction of guest stars is required.

Clubs in states which have refused to broaden their base amongst the general public face an even stiffer breeze than the others.

What the National League managements must realise is that in Australia in the final analysis there is no real National League unless it is truly "national".

A situation will not be viable if the overwhelming percentage of funds available goes into air fares and day to day administration and peanuts into promotion.

The NSL can say it is aiming to redress the situation even at an extra \$5,000 per club but it won't happen unless it gets back to basics.

And those basics would be to combine the Melbourne and Adelaide clubs in a maximum ten team division. If that division could financially carry a Perth entry, then all the better.

Then cover Sydney, Brisbane, Wollongong and Canberra in another, making provision for the important Newcastle-Hunter region if and when they prove they have the management and backing to be viable.

The alternative is to revert to State Leagues with play-offs, but this could result in excessive dilution of standards.

Some would say the divisional system is a failure, but the truth is that it should have been consolidated.

Multi-ethnic and regional clubs are badly needed in NSW, Queensland and the ACT.

It has been proved that the vast majority of State League clubs across all states have no potential in NSL.

Clubs such as Brisbane Lions, Melita Eagles, Canberra City, Blacktown City and Adelaide Hellas do have potential and should be admitted without delay.

I CONFESS to being more than a little disappointed when there were few supporters and no local officials to farewell the Youth team on its departure for Argentina and Chile.

These youngsters, in bravely fighting their way through to the World Youth Cup finals, have probably done more than the seniors in establishing their credentials.

Being rated second in the world by the only ready means to evaluate national youth team performances is no mean feat.

This team should have received more credit. Look at the number of leading coaches who are targeting for these players.

But the lack of officials and fans who saw them off at Mascot begs the question of how we can expect them to remain loyal to their country if we are not loyal to them.

There is no question about the quality of the players coming through the ranks.

Look at those who are overseas — Andrew Bernal, David Mitchell, Jim Patikas and Eddie Krncevic.

Fancy having an Australian player like Krncevic scoring a hat-trick for Anderlecht. The Belgians played a high profile World Cup role and Eddie is right up there at the top.

My mind simply has to keep turning over the question of why Eddie

isn't playing for Australia.

It seemed when he was here recently that he was more interested in playing than coach Frank Arok was in having him. Certainly we need him.

## CURRAN

A couple of points quickly linked up in my mind when I read in ASW that young Dean "Bunny" Curran is following in his

father's footsteps in the game.

Col, also "Bunny", was a great footballer and 10 years ahead of his time as a hard raiding left-back with long-range shooting power that still defies description.

In fact the only other player to rate alongside Curran for explosive power could well be the magnificent Roy Baartz. How the game needs these great products from Newcastle.

In passing I have heard it said that young Dean is at least the fourth generation of Currans to make a big name in Soccer from Newcastle.

The other point I would like to make is how Jean-Paul de Marigny reminds me of Col Curran.

Of the two Jean-Paul would certainly rate as the faster, and he too has proved that he can hammer home unstoppable shots.

It is good to see Australia producing outstanding left side players. Both Curran and de Marigny are small of stature, but both very nippy.

Jean-Paul has brilliant skills and the heart of a lion. He should go a long way.



## HAVE COACHES, WILL TRAVEL

WITH the appointment of Raul Blanco at Melita Eagles, their 1986/87 coaches Dennis Hoggart and Willie Gallagher are open to offers.

There is no doubt that the pair are highly capable developers of talent and that they have left Melita with a whole mine of up and coming stars.

The Melita team only lost two matches through the second round and they had a remarkable 1986 record.

Although Melita ended up behind Wollongong, Canberra and Blacktown this year, they were 11 points clear of the next team, Sutherland.

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JEAN-PAUL — DE MARIGNY

A letter to my mates Tom McKain and David Jack.

## LET'S GET FAIR DINKUM!

Dear Tom and David.

I HAVE read with interest your opposition to the concept of Summer Soccer. Fair enough. You are entitled to your opinion — opinions, I might add, which are very much respected by many people, myself included. After all, you have both had a lifetime involvement with the game.

As you are probably aware I am a supporter of Summer Soccer and I hope that does not label me a National League crone. Far from it. There are many things the League has done which I haven't agreed with — and I have written so.

But, as far as Summer Soccer is concerned I feel it is well worth a try. Certainly, the idea cannot be regarded as the total saviour of Australian Soccer and I agree that the those in charge of the sport have to get their act together on many other aspects as well. But, I believe switching seasons could provide a lift for the code.

The point of this letter, however, is to clear up one, little fact. There has been a great misconception about Summer Soccer of which you — David and Tom — have helped, to some degree, instigate.

After last weekend's NSL round, which was played in stifling heat, you both took the opportunity to state that "here was

the case against Summer Soccer"; "it's too hot" you said; "Summer madness".

The point you have so conveniently overlooked about the concept is that games will NOT be played in the heat of the afternoon. Instead matches will be played at NIGHT when much of the heat has gone out of the day. That is commonsense.

There is another misconception that the players are totally against the idea. I did a survey three months ago, printed in the Sydney Morning Herald, which found that of 12 players I spoke to, only one disagreed with Summer Soccer.

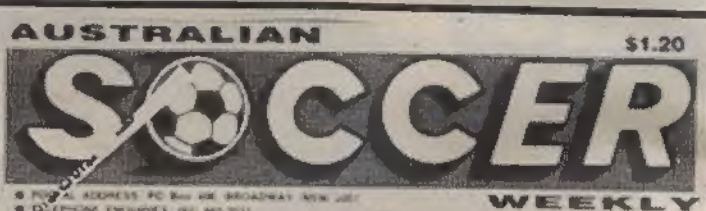
Finally, I believe the best thing about Summer Soccer — Tom and David you would both appreciate this point — is that as a Soccer writer I will not have to compete with the other football codes for column space in the paper.

During the week leading up to the Sydney rugby league grand final I could not get a single story about our great game into the Herald. But, on the Wednesday after the grand final I had not one, but TWO stories on the back page.

I say bring on Summer Soccer. David and Tom, I hope you will take this letter in the spirit that it has been written — fun. I look forward to sharing a drink or two with you both... as long as Tom shouts!

Your mate  
Ray Gatt

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# BERGERS AND ANASTASIADIS STRIKE PROBLEMS

**JOHN ANASTASIADIS AND HEIDELBERG THROUGH THE EYES OF GREG BLAKE**

**HEIDELBERG's bleakest season in its 11 years of NSL competition has had few bright spots.**

Should the relegation chasm open up and swallow one of Victoria's proudest clubs it will be of little compensation to them to have produced one of the best new faces on the NSL scene this season.

That is certainly what Heidelberg do have, in their sleek and stylish up-and-comer John Anastasiadis.

This 19-year-old lad first caught my eye back in May when the storm clouds of relegation weren't even on the Olympic Village horizon.

On that day, somewhat ironically, the Bergers played an unforgettable second half of champagne Soccer to crush Sunshine George Cross 6-2.

One of the architects in that win was brash young Anastasiadis, showing a degree of talent that belied his then 18 years.

I recall my match report for Radio 3EA that evening: "Remember this name for the future —

Anastis, Ansti, Anistis ...," I fumbled.

I couldn't pronounce it then but I've remembered it, and obviously his name is now etched on the minds of those who count.

The young Heidelberg star has done enough in his first full NSL season to warrant selection in the young Socceroos team which flew off to Chile last week.

Just the thought of pulling on the green and gold had Anastasiadis filled with delighted anticipation when he talked to me last week.

"It's just a great thrill — a once in a lifetime experience," he told me.

To add the final touch to his 'thrill of a lifetime' his very proud mother and father will be joining Paul Trimboli's parents on a journey to Chile to cheer on their sons.

"I just don't want to see them when I'm there," Anastasiadis laughed.

"There'd be nothing worse than having my

mother asking me if she can do my washing."

"But really it's great to have their support — they've always been a driving force behind me, nagging me to keep my head down and work."

"Admittedly the trip to Chile is a little daunting."

"But once I'm out on the ground and concentrating on the game hopefully I won't be too conscious of that."

"If I can do well and do my best for the team I'll be proud."

## Creator

**If one aspect of the budding-star Anastasiadis stands out it's his perception of his role within the team.**

Endowed with a splendid turn of speed and a eye for goal, Anastasiadis still remains content to set up opportunities for team mates.

His new-found status hasn't affected that unselfish attitude.

"I've still not scored in a league game," he confided.

"My only goal this year was against Melbourne Croatia in a cup tie so it's been a long time between goals."

"But I guess the ball just



**JOHN ANASTASIADIS (right) and team-mate THEO SELEMIDIS launch a Heidelberg attack. Les Shorrock photo.**

hasn't been falling for me and actually I prefer making goals for other people anyway."

It is this unselfish attitude that has endeared the youngster to Heidelberg fans and regular followers of the club.

**One man ready to lav-**

**ish praise on Olympic Village's newest star is journalistic colleague Peter Georgiou.**

Georgiou has closely monitored the development of Anastasiadis and has no doubts about this young player's future.

"He is without doubt one of the best new talents to emerge in Australian Soccer in recent times", says Georgiou.

"He is only learning the trade and he's inexperienced, but his development has been rapid since John Margaritis gave him his chance at Heidelberg."

"What impresses me is that he has such a level head on his shoulders for his age."

"I genuinely believe he is one of the best new talents to come through the ranks at Heidelberg."

Anastasiadis admits to being "very flattered" by the compliments but he lives by the credo that you're only as good as your last game.

"It's really quite a thrill to be judged like that, but I've got no time to be big-headed because I just want to get on with playing," he says determinedly.

"It's simple — if you start to get big-headed you're in trouble."

"Soccer is the main thing in my life and I want to do the best in the game that I can."

Which beckoned the obvious question as to where the future would lay for an ambitious young man should the unthinkable

happen and his club was relegated from the country's premier competition.

"To be honest I haven't thought about relegation," Anastasiadis explained diplomatically.

"This is my third year at Heidelberg and I'm in my first year of a two year contract at the club. Obviously I'd like to stay here."

"John Margaritis has been the biggest influence on my career. He's kept me back after training to give me extra help and he has shown his faith in me by giving me by chance in the NSL."

"I guess if Heidelberg was relegated and a club came in for me I'd have to think about it, but only if Heidelberg agreed."

Anastasiadis first appear on NSL team sheets as a substitute for a

Brian Garvey — coached Heidelberg against Sunshine George Cross in 1986 and he's come quite away since then.

## Target

**But being youngest at the club has still made him a target for the older heads — they still 'wind him up' at training.**

"But I really respect the likes of Theo (Selemidis) and Jeff (Oliver) for what they've done for the club and what they've put in over the years," Anastasiadis says.

"You learn from them and respect them and it's great to play alongside them every week."

Anastasiadis is nothing if not dedicated.

Despite being subject to all the outside pressures of any 19 year old Anastasiadis is dedicated to little but Soccer and his studies for the time being.

He attends RMIT in Melbourne where he studies mathematical computing and concedes that with study pressures and his Soccer that life gets "pretty hectic."

"I like to keep occupied so when I do have some spare time I like to do a bit of running — I do a bit of mountain running with a mate of mine."

"But Soccer is my life."

"I've been playing since I was eight years old and it's my ultimate aim to succeed in the game."

"I'm single-minded in that respect so outside influences don't worry me."

"Maybe one day I'll get the opportunity to play overseas, until then I just want to do my best for Heidelberg and Australia."

Now let me try again — **ANASTASIADIS** — yes, that's it.

One name to remember for the future.

## STOWELL CREDENTIALS OVERLOOKED

**An opinion piece from Brisbane Telegraph Soccer scribe Geoff Stead**

**THE Australian Soccer Federation has shunned one of the country's most qualified and dedicated coaches in overlooking Bruce Stowell for the National Under 16 coaching position.**

Stowell has all the credentials, experience and footballing knowledge that would have ensured the Joeys qualified for Scotland in 1989. Instead of being involved, he has now been placed at a career crossroads.

"I am bitterly disappointed. I believed I had done enough to earn the position," Stowell said.

Stowell returned from six-week holiday in Britain to learn the shattering news that he had been overlooked by the ASF's junior and youth World Cup committee.

Former ASF World Cup chairman Ian Brusasco attempted to push Stowell's cause without parochialism and even sent a proxy to the final meeting to let Stowell's case stand on its own and not be overshadowed by any other factors.

Like many who have seen Stowell work, Brusasco was stunned by the final decision.

"Having travelled on both Under 16 tours, I think Bruce Stowell is a sad loss to international football at that level," Brusasco said.

Despite the presentation of an extensive curriculum vitae on Stowell, the committee — chaired by ASF vice-president Charles Perkins — went

against the overwhelming evidence which highlighted that Stowell would go a long way towards ensuring Australia maintained its current world No.2 FIFA rating at junior World Cup level.

Did the committee consult any of the players who toured with the past two

Australian Under 16 teams?

Did the committee seek the opinions of any other officials who also toured and saw Stowell's expertise?

Was the committee aware that it was Stowell's constructive contribution on both tours that ensured Australia advanced past the first round in China and Canada?

Has any member of the committee ever watched any of the nominated

coaches put on a session, or did they seek an opinion on the nominees from other coaches and qualified persons?

If the committee had explored any of the above avenues, they would have discovered that in Stowell they had a coach who could spot, recognise, develop and polish Australia's talented young footballers.

Having toured Canada, I saw first hand what went on, not as a Queenslander, nor an official, nor a player — but as a journalist with the interest of Australian soccer at heart.

It is hard to back an Australian coach who bases his World Cup quarter-final match plan on a throw-away line about the opponent's sweeper published in the tournament program.

At the same time Stowell sought out much more reliable information on the unseen opponents. A match eve sifting through the myriad of photocopied sheets given to journalists at the tournament unearthed a vital FIFA statistics sheet of one of Nigeria's first round games.

That is a simple but true comparison.

The ASF has backed Vic Dalglish. It would be nice to think Stowell eventually will have the last laugh. But there will be nothing funny if the ASF decision backfires.



**QUEENSLAND Director of Coaching BRUCE STOWELL (left) pictured with a young West Australian enthusiast. Stowell's credentials were overlooked says Geoff Stead from Brisbane.**



**ANASTASIADIS goes away from South Melbourne's CARL HALFORD.**

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# ALAN REIS WINS

BY ALEX VESIC

ALAN REIS, the man who topped the goalscoring awards in the State Bank League for 1987, polled 29 votes to win the coveted Rothmans Award for NSW at a gala function held at the Hilton Hotel in Sydney.

In the final count Reis finished only one point ahead of team-mate Tom Sermanni with Jeff Ainsworth a distant third on 21 points.

Augusto Palacios, the player-coach of Canberra Griffins, was in the leading bunch at the halfway mark but finished a distant 11th on 17 points due

to an injury which prevented the skillful Peruvian from playing during the second part of the season.

Reis was jubilant at winning the medal: "I must give credit to my coach Augusto Palacios, for this award. He was the man who supplied those pin-point passes which

netted so many goals for me and I would only presume that the referees were impressed with my goal scoring abilities.

"Tommy Sermanni had a lot to do with my exploits up front so much of the credit will certainly go to him," said Reis.

It was a close call for the two front runners for the award. With the counting at the end of round 24 showing Reis on 29 and Sermanni on 27 it was announced that only one of these two players would poll in the last two rounds which meant that either player could take the medal.

"I thought Sermanni would take the medal as he played well in the last two games and I didn't," said Reis.



NSW Rothman's Medal winner Alan Reis of Canberra Griffins pictured with ASW staff members (left to right) John Economos, Alex Vesic, Keith Gilmour and Frank Coletta.



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	EVERTON	CHELSEA	4	2
DIVISION 3	NORWICH C.	TOTTENHAM	5	2
	PORTSMOUTH	LUTON TOWN	6	X
DIVISION 4	SHEFF. WED.	MAN. UTD.	7	2
	WATFORD	NEWCASTLE	8	1
DIVISION 5	WEST HAM	CHARLTON	9	X
	WIMBLEDON	LIVERPOOL	10	2
DIVISION 6	BIRMINGHAM	READING	11	1
	BOURNEM'TH	BLACKBURN	12	X
DIVISION 7	CRYSTAL P.	MILLWALL	13	1
	HUDDERSF'LD	MIDDLESBORO'	14	2
DIVISION 8	HULL C.	IPSWICH T.	15	X
	LEEDS U.	ASTON VILLA	16	1
DIVISION 9	LEICESTER	BARNLEY	17	1
	MAN. CITY	SHEFF. UTD.	18	1
DIVISION 10	STOKE C.	PLYMOUTH A.	19	X
	SWINDON	OLDHAM A.	20	1
DIVISION 11	W.B.A.	BRADFORD C.	21	2
	BRISTOL C.	SOUTHEND	22	1
DIVISION 12	BURY	BRENTFORD	23	1
	CHESTER	DONCASTER	24	X
DIVISION 13	CHESTERF'LD	GRIMSBY T.	25	X
	FULHAM	YORK	26	1
DIVISION 14	GILLINGHAM	BRISTOL R.	27	1
	PRESTON	PORT VALE	28	2
DIVISION 15	SUNDERLAND	WIGAN A.	29	X
	WALSALL	BRIGHTON	30	X
DIVISION 16	BURNLEY	HARTLEPOOL	31	1
	CARDIFF	HEREFORD	32	2
DIVISION 17	CARLISLE	WOLVES	33	X
	DARLINGTON	BOLTON W.	34	2
DIVISION 18	SCARBORO'	EXETER	35	1
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# OLYMPIC CRASH OUT...

By JOHN ECONOMOS

**PRESTON MAKEDONIA**, with a sharp, crisp display of efficient football, dished out a 4-1 spanking to Sydney Olympic at the St George Stadium in a warning to the other Top Five series contenders that they will be a serious threat in the play-offs.

Sydney Olympic's performance was nothing less than pathetic. Many of the Olympic players showed a lack of character and a reluctance to chase and tackle. They meekly surrendered against the classy Preston.

Ernie Merrick, Preston's young Scottish coach, must take full credit for the magnificent resurrection of Preston since taking.

The quiet, 34-year-old coach from Edinburgh who took over some 10 weeks ago, smilingly reflected after the match:

"We seem to be getting better every week. The last two weeks our strikers have played well and our midfield had been very poor."

"Today, it all came together with some nice one and two touch football with our finishing being most efficient."

Con Opasinis, Preston's right-back, happily boasted: "This was our best game this year. We have no stars in our side. It is just a star-side which our coach Ernie has moulded himself."

Eddie Thomson, Sydney Olympic's greatly disappointed coach, hit back with:

"Some of our players showed just how much character they don't have."

"It is amazing how they can negotiate for their contracts but can't negotiate on the field with the same ferocity."

If anything, Olympic were lucky that it was only 4-1.

The silky-smooth Preston missed at least another three chances in the first half plus having a Steve Smith goal ruled off-side in the 20th minute.

Preston opened the scoring just four minutes before 'drinks' when Olympic's midfielder, Stuart Johnston lost possession inside his box and Smith zipped in to score.

The second came not long after the break following a throw-in on the right. Smith, with back to goals, scored his second with a spectacular

overhead kick from five metres out.

Goal no 3 arrived in the 59th through substitute midfielder George Petrov, who headed home the rebound after his initial shot was tipped on to the crossbar by Olympic goalkeeper Gary Meier.

Goal no 4 arrived in the 74th minute when Smith chipped to John Stewart who headed into the net from six metres out to score his first goal since coming to Preston from Queensland.

Sydney Olympic scored its solitary goal just a minute from 'stumps' when Johnston, playing his 100th match for the club, beat two Preston defenders before crashing a lethal right-footed, 25 metre drive into the net.

Preston was best served by all three lines, whereas Olympic's only performer was right-back Gary Phillips, who refused to surrender to the enemy.

**SYDNEY OLYMPIC:** Meier: Phillips, Dakos, Hanlotis, Hooker, Hantz (Dragicevic 59th); Johnston, Raskopoulos (Ratcliffe 59th), Estavillo; Patallis, Kosmina.

**PRESTON:** Trilandis: Opasinis, Piculovski, Jackson, Illoski; Campbell (12thm), Stewart, Tasevski, Goevic; Smith, Dimovski.

Referee: R. Marshall.  
Crowd: 3,343.  
Yellow Cards: P.Raskopoulos.



Preston's Goce Dimovski sends Sydney Olympic's Terry Patallis flying during the clash at St George Stadium on the weekend.

## And so do Heidelberg...

By Con Nikolopoulos

Heidelberg United committed suicide on their own territory.

The Bergers failed in the most crucial stage of their campaign and have slipped perilously close to the State League, following Sunday's 1-0 defeat at the hands of by Brunswick Juventus at Olympic Village.

The misfortune that hounded Heidelberg throughout the season reared its ugly head on Sunday, preventing them from capitalising on their scoring opportunities.

Heidelberg had an additional problem last Sunday. Juve's brilliant goalkeeper Pat Marama.

Marama in fact emerged the hero of Sunthe close contest, foiling Heidelberg's early barrage of attacks.

Sixty seconds into the game Marama blocked a point-blank header by Laurie McKinna and twenty minutes later pulled off another miraculous save from a Peter Tsolakis sizzling shot.

Brunswick relied heavily on the breakaway to reverse the pressure and almost grabbed the lead in the 28th minute when Scott Patterson and Andrew Zinni weaved their way through Heidelberg's defence. But Zinni's low shot was deflected away by Ian McKie.

Against the run of play Heidelberg conceded the goal that could well have decided their fateful future in the National League.

Andrew Zinni latched on to a through ball by Joe Palatisdis and spotted roving Frank McGrellis in the area, the plucky import steered the ball into the net with a firm header.

Heidelberg should have equalised before the break, but Marama once again refused to let them off the hook. Superbly placed at the near post, Marama blocked yet another point blank shot, this time by Mike Valentine.

United resumed the game with a vengeance

and continued venturing upfront Brunswick however responded with solid defending.

Luck deserted Heidelberg once again minutes before full-time when McKinna beat Marama with a header, but Brian Brown cleared the ball on the goal-line.

The defeat pushed Heidelberg to the bottom spot of the championship table.

But coach John Margaritis is optimistic his

team will stave off relegation.

"We'll be there next year," Margaritis told ASW. "There is another week to go and our fortune may change on the stroke of the time".

Heidelberg: Oliver, McKie, Marley, Katsakidis, Hunter, Valentine (Thodis 76), Lucchesi, Selemidis, McKinna, Kanesoulis, Tsolakis.

Brunswick: Marama, Durakovic, P.Lewis (Bell 78), Brown, Yzen-doorn, Cullen, Incantalupo, Patterson, Zinni, Palatisdis, McGrellis.

Referee: D.Campbell  
CROWD: 1,500

## ZORAN POSSIBLE SAINTS' CHOICE

By JOHN ECONOMOS

**DESPITE** St George's unexpected surge towards the top of the ladder, coach Frank Arok is still not entirely happy.

He is planning for yet another victory against Heidelberg on Sunday at the St George Stadium.

Although the Saints have already qualified for the semi-finals, he wants to finish the League in either second or third spot, which gives two bites of the cherry in the series.

Whilst most club's are complaining about their strike-line force, St George have no such problems in this department.

But Arok finds it hard to keep out teenage sensation, Zoran Ilic, the St George wonder boy in the Youth League.

Saints' Youth side was beaten last Sunday by Apia in the preliminary final and Arok is very tempted to call up Ilic for Sunday's match against Heidelberg.

"This is our last League match at home and we want to celebrate it by turning it on for our loyal supporters by

saying 'Goodbye for 1987' in a nice way.

"But as for Heidelberg, they were one of the glamour teams of the League in years gone by, and now are fighting for their lives to escape relegation. This will make them most dangerous opponents."

"Despite their low position, they have classy players in national goalkeeper, Jeff Oliver, speedy striker Peter Tsolakis and players of the calibre of Theo Selemidis and Alan Hunter who will all fight for their lives".

Saints' skipper, Andy Koczka, normally the target man, will again drop back into Moffitt's midfield position where he played last Sunday in St George's away 1-0 win against Adelaide City.

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### WEST END NAT. LEAGUE TABLE

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
APIA-L'hardt.....	23	13	8	2	38	20	34
Preston.....	23	11	7	5	32	20	29
St. George.....	23	12	4	7	30	23	28
Sydney Croatia.....	23	10	6	7	31	20	26
Marconi.....	23	10	5	8	36	25	25
Sth Melbourne.....	23	9	6	8	30	32	24
Mel.Croatia.....	24	9	5	10	22	30	23
Syd. Olympic.....	23	7	8	8	27	30	22
Brunswick.....	23	9	4	10	17	22	22
Adelaide City.....	23	6	9	8	27	21	21
Footscray.....	23	7	7	9	15	25	21
Sunshine.....	23	2	9	12	24	42	13
Heidelberg.....	23	3	6	14	24	43	12

### WEST END NAT. LEAGUE RESULTS

PRESTON 4 (S. Smith 2, G. Petrov, J. Stewart)  
SYDNEY OLYMPIC 1 (S. Johnston) at St George Stadium. Crowd: 3343.

SYDNEY CROATIA 2 (M. Jones, Z. Odzakov)  
APIA LEICHHARDT 1 (A. Bertogna) at Lambert Park. Crowd: 3641.

FOOTSCRAY 1 (Z. Dimitrijevic) SUNSHINE 1 (G. Clark) at Schintler Reserve. Crowd: 1892.

SOUTH MELBOURNE 2 (P. Wade, C. Egan)  
MELBOURNE CROATIA 0 at Olympic Park. Crowd 1200.

BRUNSWICK 1 (F. McGrellis) HEIDELBERG 0 at Heidelberg. Crowd 1000.

ST GEORGE 1 (K. Hagan) ADELAIDE CITY 0 at Olympic Sports Field. Crowd 2400.

### WEST END NAT. TOPSCORERS

ROD BROWN APIA-Leichhardt	14
FRANK FARINA Marconi	13
PAUL LEWIS Melbourne Croatia	11
STEVE SMITH Preston	10
ROBBIE SLATER Sydney Croatia	9
JOE MULLEN Adelaide City	8
RON CAMPBELL Preston	8
JOHN MARKOVSKI Sunshine	8
CHARLIE VILLANI Adelaide City	8
GRAHAM ARNOLD Sydney Croatia	7
LAWRIE MCKINNA Heidelberg	7
PAUL WADE South Melbourne	7
PETER TSOLAKIS Heidelberg	7
SCOTT OLLERENSHAW St George	7
ZARKO ODZAKOV Syd Croatia	6
MARK JONES Syd Croatia	6
IAN WALLACE Melbourne Croatia	6
STUART STEVENSON South Melb.	6
GARY WARD APIA-Leichhardt	6
JOHN KOSMINA Sydney Olympic	5
STEVE MAXWELL Marconi	5
GRAEME FLETCHER St. George	5
GOCE DIMOVSKI Preston	5
KEVIN HAGAN St George	5

## BUT HELLAS SAVE FACE

By LES SHORROCK

**MELBOURNE** Croatia ended its 1987 NSL campaign on a disappointingly low note as it succumbed to South Melbourne 2-0 at Olympic Park on Sunday.

The fickle Melbourne weather presented its other face as the skies opened and turned Olympic Park into a treacherous skating rink, more suitable for water polo than Soccer.

Players had difficulty in keeping their feet and sliding tackles were the order of the day.

In that respect, Sydney referee Gary Power was to be commended for at least attempting to let the game flow and for a very pleasant change, not one yellow card had to be flourished.

Croatia, fully aware that with a bye coming up next week it was now or never as far as the semis were concerned, started with a flourish.

But the game changed dramatically in the 27th minute when South took the lead. There seemed to be no danger as Croatia goalkeeper Mirko Runje came out to collect

a loose ball, but the ball plopped into a pool of water and stopped dead and before Runje could adjust the lively Paul Wade had nipped in to strike it past him.

It was an object lesson in opportunism, and amply demonstrated why Wade is so valuable to both South Melbourne and Australia.

After that goal, it was a ding-dong affair, with the ball being booted relentlessly from one end to the other.

Runje came out once again, and this time the ball seemed to skid off his gloves and left Charlie Egan with the simplest of tasks to tap the ball into the net.

Oh yes, Charlie was re-instated and Stuart Stevenson left out as Brian Garvey tried yet another pairing up front,

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War of words  
is a spur  
for Sunshine  
in relegation  
battle

By GREG BLAKE

**HEIDELBERG** coach John Margaritis may well have signed his club's relegation warrant with some undiplomatic comments about relegation arch-rival Sunshine George Cross.

On the eve of last Sunday's all-important league round the Heidelberg boss, on SBS Television, suggested Sunshine had had more than its share of favourable refereeing decisions in recent weeks.

His comments had the George Cross crew up in arms and no doubt gave their coach John Gardiner the ammunition to use as a spur against Footscray.

The job is half done with George Cross having snared a vital point at Footscray on Sunday in a 1-1 draw, which sent Heidelberg crashing to the foot of the ladder.

The mood in the Sunshine camp was one of angry defiance and was summed up by veteran Noel Mitten, who left the ground talking of "answering all the prophets of doom who had written off the team."

Club president Alf Zahra was furious at Margaritis' comments and promised that his words would backfire.

"I'm sure you could find room for some legal action for what he said," Zahra told me.

"His insinuations are that we are buying off referees."

"We believe it is ridiculous for a man of his standing to suggest something like that and I say this to John Margaritis 'John, you ought to know better'."

Georgie kept finding the breaks in the early stages before going ahead in the 19th minute when the lithe Gary Clarke used his surprising pace and cool head to enter the box to make it 1-0.

Footscray's patient build-ups improved as the game wore on, but it wasn't until after halftime that they countered the relentless George Cross defence.

Zoran Dimitrijevic played a difficult 1-2 with Ken Murphy in the box before sliding in for the equaliser.

The Footscray goal was shrouded in controversy as a linesman flagged for offside just before the ball entered the net. Prior to making a decision referee Davies consulted his official and subsequently allowed the score to stand.

**FOOTSCRAY:** Nikitovic, James, Karic, van Egmond, Tapai, Dimitrijevic, Murphy, Bozinovski, Campbell, Spink, Deankovic (Lazopoulos).

Keogh, Taylor, Parton, Mitten, Faulkner, McLaren, Gilder, Bain (Richardson 76m), Marth, Markovac (Innes 84m), Clarke.

Referee: R.Davies. Crowd: 2800.

# IT IS A BIG HOORAY FOR SYDNEY CROATIA

By KEITH GILMOUR

**AFTER** going 11 games without a victory, the whole world has opened up for Sydney Croatia, who have strung together two wins in a row as well as securing a semi-final place.

In addition they meet South Melbourne Hellas in the Beach Fashions Cup final.

Certainly Sunday's 2-1 Lambert Park win over Apia indicates a remarkable turnaround, which will re-activate the club's fans and also bring loud hurrahs from the the National League and their semi-final opponents alike.

Sunday's offering pro-

vided one of the most skilful and satisfying encounters seen for many a day in Sydney.

Apia had the first half edge and Croatia the second.

But the big point was the manner in which Croatia came back from a 1-0 first half deficit to take the game.

With the last seconds of the first half ticking

away it seemed certain that Croatia had weathered the storm.

But Apia skipper Arno Bertogna contrived to score following a corner — perhaps helped on by Graham Jennings — and the ball was right in Croatia's court.

The scene changed however when Mark Brown appeared to hold Jennings back inside the

penalty box.

It might have been a tough decision, but referee Chris Bambridge had no second thoughts over it and Zarko Odzakov hammered the ball home.

Apia's big loss was Terry Butler, who was holding Robbie Slater so well. He stubbed a toe and left the field in the 38th minute, to be replaced by Peter Katholos.

Mark Jones, in fine scoring touch, struck a glorious 66th minute winner from every bit of 25 metres out.

There was no answer to that one. Immediately afterwards Vedran Rozic closed the game up and preserved the lead.

Rozic, incidentally, was back at his best with some of the finest defensive heading you could ever wish to see.

One of the stars in two star-studded line-ups was Apia's Gary Ward, whose short-passing skills bordered on the miraculous.

**SYDNEY CROATIA:** Woodhouse, Rezo, Jennings, Rumora, Rozic, Slater, Savor, Arnold, Odzakov (Kralovic 90m), Jones, Lamond (Clinch 56m).

**APIA-LEICHHARDT:** Pezzano, de Marigny, Yankos, Bertogna, M.Brown, Tredinnick, R.Brown, Lorens, Butler (Katholos 38m), Phillips, Ward.

## What a change in fortunes

The Saints keep marching on but

## CITY ARE YESTERDAY'S HEROES

By TOM McKAIN

**ADELAIDE** City become yesterday's heroes when they crashed to 10th on the league table following 1-0 defeat by St. George at the Olympic Sports Field.

A win for City and a defeat for Sydney Croatia would have seen last year's champions fighting for a top five place with one round to play.

Ironically even if they had beaten the Saints their top five series hopes were gone as Sydney Croatia beat APIA.

But as far as City officials and fans were concerned that was not the point.

Their team was humbled once again.

They had no answer to Saints' destroying powers in midfield and once

again the defence gave away a goal rather than being out played by a better team.

The glory goal came in the 24th minute after the ball had bobbed along three Adelaide heads before landing at the feet of striker Kevin Hagen who rifled the ball through a ruck of defenders.

While the goal was not a classic it must be said that Saints did look the better all-round team.

With a draw enough for them to stay well in the five, they played it cool, but still managed to attack and force home

keeper Willie McNally to push the ball for a corner early in the piece when Alan Pottier broke through.

But the sad fact for City was to hear champs like Adrian Sentrac, Charlie Villani and Sergio Melta booed by home fans.

And Sentrac suffered the humiliation of being taken off in the 66th minute.

Only front runner Joe Mullen emerged with any real credibility followed by McNally, stopper Paul Shillabeer and veteran sweeper Bugsy Nyakohus.

For Frank Arok's Saints it was a bonus victory with Scott Ollenershaw, Alan Pottier and Hagan causing all sorts of problems along with Pedro Ricoy and Andy Koczka.

Arok may not have the best team in the league but he does have one of the most disciplined.

**ADELAIDE CITY:** McNally, Miller, Tobin, Shillabeer, Nyakohus, Melta, Sentrac (Vatillas 66 min), Villani, Vidmar, Mullen, Wilde.

**ST. GEORGE:** Gibson, Green, M. O'Shea, O'Conner, Ricoy, Pottier, Ollenershaw (Lampropoulos 87 min), Koczka, Hagan, Fletcher (Petkovski 72), Jabevski.

**REFEREE:** J.Reeves Newcastle.

**Attendance:** 2403.

## THOMSON BEGINS REBUILDING

**EDDIE THOMSON**, Sydney Olympic's master coach, has already begun work on rebuilding his National League squad for the 1988 season.

Thomson has almost finalised his plans on which players he will buy and which players he will be selling.

Thomson has almost completed the signing of John Koch and Jason Polak, who are currently on World Youth Cup championship duty with the Young Socceroos in Argentina and Chile.

After last Sunday's 4-1 thrashing Olympic received from Preston, Thomson was more determined about his plans than ever.

"You know we have too many players who know exactly what to do when they are arguing for bigger contracts."

"Some of these players though, don't know what to do when things get tough on the playing pitch."

"And when that happens, that is no good for Sydney Olympic or for me."

"Look what happened after we went down a couple of goals. Many of them just wanted to toss it in. Gary Phillips is one player who always refuses to give up."

"It all comes back down to character, doesn't it?"



John Kosmina.

Sydney Olympic's major problems have been in the strike-line and midfield.

The Olympic strike-line has suffered injuries to Terry Patalis, Marshall Soper, and John Kosmina.

With the sale of Chris Kalantzis to Greece, the Sydney Olympic attack has become a blunt axe.

The midfield department urgently is in need of rebuilding.

This area lacks steel in the tackling department as well as pace when coming forward or in recovery.

**JOHN ECONOMOS**



Sydney Olympic's Spiro Hantzis driving forward against Preston Macedonia.



Josip Biskic (Melb Croatia) sends South Melbourne's Paul Wade sprawling to the turf. PHOTO: Les Shorrock.

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## SOUTH MLB WIN

this time Egan and Danny Wright.

In the second half Croatia coach Peter Ollerton tried every shuffle in the pack to revitalise his team, with a steady stream of exhortations from the bench.

"Come wide, give us more width Paul (Lewis), swap over with Biskic, get up front Robbie (Dunn), play up alongside him, Scotty and much, much more, but it was all to no avail.

Then Croatia completely lost its grip on the game in the 44th minute through a goalkeeping blunder.

Young Con Giatas in the South goal had an

armchair passage. In fact the score nearly went to 3-0 through the second half when Runje again advanced, only to see the ball go past him, this time to be scrambled to safety.

It was a great pity that the relentless downpour ruined Croatia's attempts at public relations, with the free raffle and the giveaways, and Kool Kat himself didn't turn up, (he must have had advance information from above), but the kids still enjoyed it, rain or no rain.

**MELBOURNE CROATIA:** Runje, Dobson, Hannah, McIntosh, Dunn, Herd, Wallace, Heys, Biskic, Lewis, Scott.

**SOUTH MELBOURNE:** Giatas, Russell, Postecoglou, Blair, McDowell, Anezakis, Wade, Halford, Crainlie, Egan, Wright.





# GULLY BEATS RAIN AND POLONIA

By VLADO VLAHOVIC

LEAGUE runners-up Green Gully outclassed champions Polonia 3-0 in the State League Cup final in torrential rain at Green Gully Reserve on Sunday.

Rain fell throughout most of the day in Melbourne to the disappointment of Gully officials, who were hoping for a large crowd.

A pitiful 258 paid was the official attendance. But strangely enough the rain held off for the curtain-raiser and made an unwelcome return for the pre-final presentation of the championship trophy to Polonia — an omen perhaps — and stayed for the rest of the afternoon.

The first half hour of the final saw Gully dominating with more possession and keeping play in Polonia's half — but it was a real slog.

There were no clean passages of play and no clean scoring chances — not even half-chances eventuated.

Polonia were content to defend and looked lazy, and almost paid the penalty when Steve McLennan headed just wide from a Les Carter

## And grab the State Cup

free kick.

Club best and fairest Steve Douglas made a long jinking run into the area but went in at too much of an angle and his final shot was easily saved.

Carter continued Gully's superiority, crossing a looping, dangerous ball but Polonia keeper Barney Kostezewa was swamped by eager Gully forwards and received a free kick.

Douglas was in the thick of things again when he found room after an almighty scramble but was too casual in trying to beat Kostezewa and paid the price.

Gully's dominance was at last rewarded in the 42nd minute, with that man Douglas pushing an angled cross towards goal which the keeper could only parry to the ever dangerous Tommy Cumming who easily tapped home and Gully went to the break leading 1-0.

Maybe it was too much celebrating by Polonia that made them look so tired and stale, or maybe a mental let-down after a long season.

Whatever it was they never looked like coming close to a much quicker and more desperate Green Gully.

Early in the second half Danny Zemunik won a 50-50 ball, gave it to Colin Quigly who crossed to Cumming. Cumming completely outwitted the defence and lobbed delightfully past keeper Kostezewa who was off his line.

Moments later Polonia defender Gerry Bennett fouled Cumming giving away a penalty.

Carter easily converted the spot kick sending the keeper the wrong way.

Gully would have been forgiven for sitting back and defending their com-

shaved the wrong side of the post.

The 3-0 lead was still intact at the final whistle and Gully received some consolation for its second place to Polonia in the League title race.

**GREEN GULLY:** Sant, Hogben (Deakin 80th), Douglas, Cannell, McLennan, Carter, O'Donnell, Quigly, T. Cumming (Ward 62nd), Grimaud, Zemunik.

**POLONIA:** Kostezewa, Liparski, Chetcutti, Bennett, Kotz-machilla, Nelson, Flavell, Ognova-ki, Storm, Lakić, Baran. Referee: Z. Minnich.



Tommy Cumming — still going strong for Green Gully.

manding lead but they kept up the pressure, attacking on countless occasions and actually Sub Danny Ward turned sharply and shot from close range but the ball bounced agonisingly wide.

With minutes remaining Carter hit a low shot from a direct free kick outside the area straight through the wall. After looking goal bound it just



DANNY WARD

## FAST, FURIOUS SEMI-FINAL

By VLADO VLAHOVIC

**GREEN GULLY** marched into the Cup final after a commanding second half performance against Caulfield City, winning its semi-final clash 3-1 last Wednesday night at Northcote's John Cain Reserve.

The top four teams in the State League playing in a double-header and a cheap admittance price was not enough to attract more than a meagre 300 spectators to the ground.

The miniscule turnout was in no small part due to the adverse weather conditions but nevertheless the VSF must feel disappointed with the outcome.



**GREEN GULLY's COLIN QUIGLEY** goes up with an opposing goalkeeper.

Or was it that no-one wants a top four series, or was the allocation of venue all wrong?

This game was deserving of a larger crowd as both teams played fast, furious Soccer especially when the "Green Machine" stepped up a gear in the second half.

Caulfield, though, made slightly the better of the first half.

Midfielder Griffin was released by a nice through ball in the penalty area with only Gully keeper Charlie Sant to beat but he just couldn't reach the slightly over-hit pass.

Striker Nick Deligiannis was not going to let the team down however and he blasted his first time shot into the net.

Danny Ward was Gully's most dangerous player in the first half and Les Carter was also creating problems but Caulfield's defence was tight for the most part.

Caulfield resumed after the break showing tons of initiative, but it only lasted 15 minutes and then the game changed tune.

Gully revved into higher gear and looked impressive, so much so that the quality of the game was enhanced.

Ward, Carter and Steve Douglas were causing havoc but it was veteran Tommy Cumming who shot home the equaliser following an almighty scramble in the Caulfield goalmouth.

It was no surprise when Gully hit the front but the goalscorer was a surprise.

Caulfield defender Phil Griffin slid desperately to clear a fine diving header from Cumming only to see the ball go into the net.

Continuous one-touch combinations by Carter, Cumming and Co were constantly catching Caulfield off guard but it was defender Joe O'Donnell who dealt the final knock-out blow.

From out wide on the right side, Cumming sent a precision cross to O'Donnell who placed a nice header into the net off the post.

In desperation Caulfield valiantly made a late bid to get back into the game.

**CAULFIELD:** Madjer, Bitsonis, Michell, Harris, Routs, Theoharous (Abraham 25th), Filipou, Griffin (Sahinidis 75th), Deligiannis, Pappas, Tsitaridis.

**GREEN GULLY:** Sant, Hogben, Deakin (Zemunik 60th), O'Donnell, Cannell, McLennan, Grimaud, Carter, Ward (Douglas 20th), Quigly, Cumming.



**JIM SMALL** challenges Marbyrnong's keeper **MIKE KOSTAZEWA**.



**LATROBE VALLEY U16 COACH:** Gavin Paine (Tom Leckie) **MANAGER:** Ron Thiesling. Scott Armistead (Rangers), Jason Ashe (Moe United), Paul Crowe (Olympians), Aaron Demuthe (Sale City), Paul Guarascio (Falcons), Jamie Kendall (Sale City), Patrick Kuipers (Olympians), Peter Kylstra (Warragul), Angelo Mansa (Pegasus), Ricky McCarrison (Pegasus), Oscar Oryl (Olympians), John Palermo (Falcons), Dean Thompson (Pegasus), Joe Tripodi (Olympians), Justin Van Der Zalm (Pegasus).

## Polonia storms into the final

**POLONIA** hustled its way to the Cup final defeating a 10-man Fawkner 2-1 in a physical encounter at John Cain Reserve on Wednesday night.

Scrappy, close-checking, often spiteful and overall boring is unfortunately the best I can describe this game. Unlike the first game this clash was deserving of the tiny crowd in attendance.

Boredom set in after about half an hour and just when I was about to put my notebook away and look for stimulation elsewhere, Fawkner's ace striker Doug Brown charged into the area and hit a sweet drive past a

hapless "Barney" Kostezewa to give Fawkner first blood.

Blood became a key word when Polonia keeper Kostezewa was met heavily by Frank Sabatino's follow through, his head connecting with Sabatino's knee.

He lay motionless with blood streaming from a cut under his eye and he had to be carried off.

Only 10 minutes after the resumption of play in the second half Fawk-

ner's goalkeeper Richard Wilson apparently wanted blood. He allegedly punched Jan Wyciscak, was duly sent off and Polonia awarded the penalty which Kees Storm converted.

The sending off was the turning point and Polonia strikers Greg Warzawski and Storm began to find chinks in Fawkner's armour.

Inevitably the vital goal that sent Polonia into the final arrived via Storm

off the post.

Doug Brown tried in vain to keep Fawkner alive creating some chances but he was foiled at the last hurdle so Fawkner had to make do with a play-off for third and fourth places.

**POLONIA:** Kostezewa (Kiss 15th), Liparski, Chetcutti, Bennett, Kotz-machilla, Wyciscak (Warzawski 70th), Nelson, Flavell, Storm, Lakić, Baran.

**FAWKNER:** Wilson (Walsh 55th), Ferra, Bordignon, Fattore, Schipano, Sabatino, Walsh (goal), Verocchia, Mancinelli, Brown, Stenson.

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Albion v Clifton Hill, Bell Park v Altona Gate.  
Provisional League Cup - Semi Finals: Sat. Oct 10

Venue: Chelsea S.C. H.D. Thomas Reserve, Edithvale Road, Edithvale. Kick off 1.00 pm followed by the second game

To be advised v Clayton, South Yarra v Batman United.

Provisional League Reserve Cup - Semi Finals: Sat. Oct 10.

Venue: Skye Rovers S.C. Centenary Park, McLelland Drive, Frankston. Kick off 1.00 pm followed by the second game

Clayton v Ivanhoe City, Malvern City v West United.

Amateur League Cup - Quarter Finals: Sun. Oct 11. Kick off 3.00 pm.

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## CAULFIELD STEALS THE WINNER

By VLADO VLAHOVIC

CAULFIELD snatched a dramatic victory, coming from behind, to steal two goals in the last two minutes and run out 3-2 winners over Fawkner in the match for third place at Green Gully Reserve on Sunday.

A neat move involving three Caulfield players opened proceedings but striker Pepe Abraam was still warming up when he blasted over the top.

Deligiannis soon struck form when he beautifully lobbed Fawkner keeper Chris Kasimis from outside the area in the 15th minute.

After a short period of even play Fawkner finally moved into action creating numerous chances through Schipano and Fattore.

Doug Brown was proving the major danger at this stage with crosses, free kicks and half volleys that weren't too far wide.

Just before the break tempers were ignited briefly in an otherwise incident free game when Abraam and big Fawkner back-man Ferla exchanged a couple of pushes and were joined by two other players. The referee correctly gave all four cautions.

A desperate Fawkner pushed men forward to peg back the goal and the move paid off in the 65th

minute when Peter Bordignon smashed home from a Brown corner.

Just five minutes later Fawkner grabbed the lead when midfielder Roy Walsh slid a left foot past keeper Chrysopoulos after indecisiveness on the part of the Caulfield defence.

With only two minutes remaining it seemed Fawkner would hold on.

But a low cross from Angie Filippou found Deligiannis who stuck his foot out in a reflex action and the ball went into the back of the net.

Caulfield's steal was complete only seconds before the final whistle after a sweet cut-back from Abraam found Con Pappas directly in front from eight yards. He rounded a defender and rammed the winner into the roof of the net.

CAULFIELD: Chrysopoulos, Bitsonis, Michell, Harris, Filippou, Theoharous, Brooks (Taltardis 65th), Poulos (Sahinidis 25th), Abraam, Pappas, Deligiannis.

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## PUNCH-UP ENDED McCLUSKEY'S INTERNATIONAL ASPIRATIONS

BY PAUL MOON

SCOT Pat McCluskey made a great impression during his first few games for Green Gully and, hopefully, he will continue to enjoy success with them as his career winds down.

Sadly, however, McCluskey seems destined to be best remembered as one of the five prominent Scottish players who were banned for life from international football as the result of a Copenhagen night club fracas in September, 1975 when Joe Harper, Billy Bremner, Willie Young, Arthur Graham and McCluskey celebrated victories by both the Scottish full and under 23 international teams over their Danish counterparts a little too enthusiastically.

The ban was later lifted, but McCluskey did not get an opportunity to add to the sixth under 23 cap he won against Denmark.

That eventful evening in Copenhagen must be regarded as the turning point of the Glaswegian's career, for it never regained its previous momentum.

He joined Celtic from

junior club Maryhill in 1970 — when the "Boys" were in the middle of a record-breaking nine consecutive Scottish League Championship triumphs.

The tigerish, stocky central defender won a regular first team place in time to win Champions' medals for the last two successes. He also played in Celtic sides which lifted two Scottish Cups and one Scottish League Cup.

Within a year of the "Copenhagen Incident", however, McCluskey found senior side opportunities very limited and the unkinders fans were quick to voice their opinions from the terraces that he might be a little overweight.

Slightly round for a professional sportsman McCluskey certainly was, a little short of pace he might have been; but his ability to read a game, to

time a tackle and to battle resolutely could never have been doubted.

He certainly gave excellent service to Dumbarton, Airdrie (who paid a \$60,000 transfer fee for him) and Queen of the South after leaving Celtic in 1976.

In total, McCluskey made 325 Scottish League appearances. Almost half of them were in the top division. This figure would have been greater but for a couple of years in the United States playing indoor soccer with Pittsburgh Spirit.

Although he converted a penalty during the 1975 Scottish Cup Final, most of his 23 League goals came from open play and many resulted from powerful, long range shots.

Hopefully, Green Gully fans will witness a few more blockbusters before the 35 year old hangs up his boots.



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# HUGE SOCCER SUPPORT IS REVEALED IN NSW

JOHNNY WARREN WRITES

I take the opportunity to draw attention to the results of the Saulwick Poll published in the Sydney Morning Herald, covering public interest in the various football codes.

Amazingly, when you consider the scraps of publicity Soccer or real football gets in the various media outlets, it scores extremely highly.

Saulwick and the Herald found that 43% of Sydney people are very interested or fairly interested in rugby league, whereas the figure for Soccer is a close 35%.

In addition whilst 25% of Sydney people are very interested in rugby league, the figure for Soccer is again not far away at 25%.

The poll confirmed just how far Soccer interest extends past the migrant communities.

With due respect to Melbourne friends, Sydney's big Soccer background is further confirmed in the study. The 'very interested in Soccer category in Melbourne' rated 9%.

But in any case the media moguls who tell us that Soccer doesn't rate, the various media editors who keep Soccer coverage to the barest minimum, are wrong.

And the same applies to

the corporate sponsors who claim that there is little interest in the round ball game.

In fact, on a national basis, it is dux of the school in terms of interest.

I suggest that all Soccer people submitting sponsorship proposals, approaching media outlets and talking Soccer generally keep the findings of this survey for supportive material.

It was covered in great depth in the Sydney Morning Herald of Saturday September 12.

It is well known that the huge numbers playing Soccer on Saturdays tends to distribute attend-

ances away from the major games.

But that interest is right there, and there are ways in which it can be fanned to make the sport one which is more closely followed by the sporting public at top level.

A few months ago the Melbourne Sun also conducted a poll.

On saturation cover Australian rules came in with 35% preference rate, rugby league with 20% and Soccer with 16%.

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businessmen many years ago and is still heavily supported by the Sydney Yugoslav Community, must also be seen as a multicultural club in many ways. Especially in its junior ranks with players from Europe and England, to South America and of course our own Australia and I'm sure is arguably one of the closest-knit clubs around.

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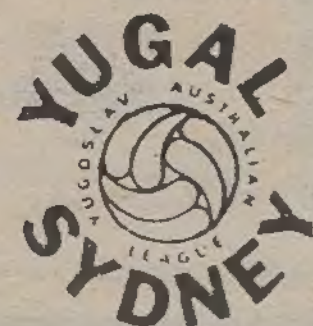
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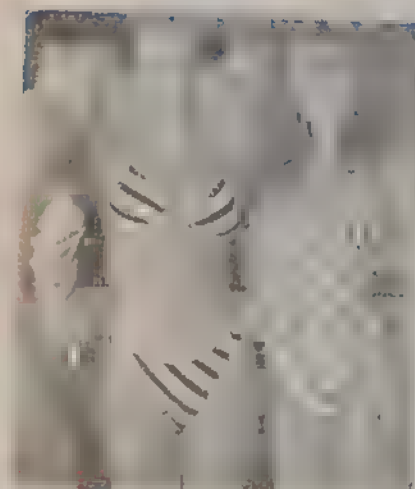
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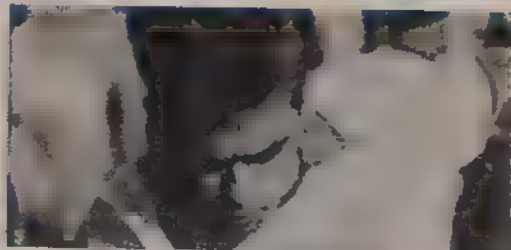
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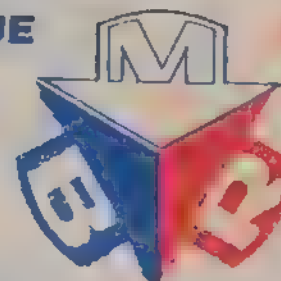
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## DEVELOPMENT ON TWO FRONTS

**QUEENSLAND Division Two Premiers CSR Gyprock Croatia, could sign up to three Yugoslav players for their first XXXX League campaign next year.**

Club representatives are expected to head for Europe during the close season and will be on the lookout for players.

Croatia won promotion into the top Queensland Division this year, but officials concede their team needs to be strengthened to make them a force.

"We will be hoping to keep everyone from this season and sign new players to ensure our first year in the XXXX League is not a battle against relegation," said club spokesman John Mesic.

Croatia's premiership winning team this season was built around several experienced players.

They included former Lions NSL stars Mark Atmore and Joe Cairney and former Brisbane City fullback George Caird. The team also included former Lions NSL keeper Brett Beves.

But the side, which also reached last weekend's grand final, also contained several talented youngsters who are set to make their marks in the XXXX League.

They include solid defenders Tom Novack and Daniel Castello and exciting strikers Joe Stipanovic

and Dean Morgan.

In addition to building their team, Croatia also are involved in a massive development project at their Dunn Road Ground.

With the assistance of a government grant, and a lot of hard work from Croatian Community members, a massive two-storey clubhouse is being built.

When finished the club will be one of the best in Queensland.

Its features include a huge dance floor and one of the biggest commercial kitchens in Brisbane.

The club hopes to have the million dollar project completed sometime next year.



**QUEENSLAND Rothmans Medal winner — RICHARD VAN WIN goes past COLIN SIMPSON in a XXXX State League encounter.**

## WIN FOR VAN WIN

**DIMINUTIVE Redlands United midfielder Richard Van Win is undecided on his future after becoming the youngest player ever to win the Queensland Rothmans best and fairest medal.**

The 17-year-old is yet to sign for next season for Redlands and admitted after his success that he had received no offers for 1988.

But that is set to change very quickly. Redlands president Dick Karreman is expected to begin negotiations with Van Win this week before another other clubs jump in and lure the gold medallist away from the Showgrounds.

"We certainly want Richard for next season and I hope to have a talk to him this week," Karreman said.

Van Win, who transferred to Redlands from Lions this season, came from nowhere to win the medal by a point from hot pre-count favorite, Azzurri captain Frank Mengotti.

Van Win polled 24 points in a sensational finish to the count. The youngster picked up only three points in the first seven matches, but within the next three games moved into contention with a further seven points.

But the third count, Van Win had hit the lead with 23 points, one clear of Olympic United's Cheetha Vosuga and Mengotti and Rochdale's Craig Low on 21.

With one round of votes to be revealed, the "smart" money poured onto Van Win. He had to win. With Azzurri's Kieran Cooper, who netted four goals in the last fixture, certain to pick up the three pointer ahead of Mengotti, Vosuga missing the last match and Craig Low not standing out in Rochdale's final game, Van Win

needed only a point to make the medal his.

And the midfielder got the referee's one vote in a 2-1 Redlands win over Grange Thistle.

After receiving his medal, Van Win paid tribute to his team-mate and former Rothmans' medal winner, Ron Millman.

"About a month before the end of the season Ron sat me down and told me you only ever get one chance to win the Rothmans' and in his opinion this would be my year. He told me to knuckle down and play as well as I could in the final games," Van Win said.

"It helped me and I hope it helped the club as well."

Others who polled included young Grange Thistle defender Scott Walker (19) votes, Lions' midfielder Russell Stewart (18) and Coalstars' midfielder Andy Ogden (17).

Guest speaker at the function was former Soccer John Warren, who was warmly applauded for his down-to-earth speech on Australia's Soccer problems and what is needed to awaken the "sleeping giant".

"We must start asking ourselves 'what can I do for the code, not what the code can do for me,'" Warren said.

## HELP FOR THE HANDICAPPED

**ACACIA Ridge will host Soccer's big Charity Day again this weekend.**

Their past and present team will play Brisbane All Stars side as the main game in a packed day to raise money for Mach 1, an organisation assisting handicapped people.

A highly successful Charity Day was held at Proud Field last year and Acacia Ridge officials are confident Brisbane's Soccer community will turn out again on Sunday.

The program also includes a ladies match, and the annual referees versus the media game.

In addition to the Soccer, a dance band will provide entertainment in the clubhouse, the barbeque will run all day and stalls and rides will be set-up for the kids.

"This is Brisbane Soccer's chance to do something for charity. We had a big turnout last year and I am sure we can do just as well this season," said Acacia Ridge president Alex Woodside, who deserves high praise for his efforts in arranging the charity day.

The program will start at Proud Field at 10.30 this Sunday with the Media-Referees game at 2pm and the main match at 3pm.



**MICHAEL MULVEY.**

## 'NO AGGRO' CAUSED NORTH

### STAR'S LAPSE

**NORTH Star, one of Queensland's most skilful sides, could change their style next season.**

Coach Iain Fagan predicted he may be forced to add more aggressive players to his squad after they were bundled out of the Queensland XXXX League finals series with a 6-2 preliminary final thumping from Azzurri Brisbane City.

"We always try to play football. But this year it hasn't won us too many trophies. Perhaps it's time for a change. We have to get more aggressive," Fagan said.

After going the first 17 games without defeat, the season ended very much on a sour note for the O'Callaghan Parkers.

Right up to the last fixture, North Star were in contention for the premiership and were readying themselves for an NSL

campaign. But in a shock final round result, they crashed 2-1 to lowly Rochdale. The result relegated them to third place.

Stars were forced to come from behind twice in the knockout semi-finals against Easts but next threw away a 2-0 lead after just seven minutes against City.

"You can't give away a lead like that in finals football and expect to win," Fagan said.

Despite finishing the season with just the President's Cup as first round leaders, North Star can be proud of their year.

They were the only club from last season that consistently competed with the two former NSL clubs, Lions and Azzurri Brisbane City.

In finishing third, North

Star were a whopping seven points clear of fourth placed Easts.

It is quite feasible to speculate that had Lions and Azzurri still been in the NSL this season, North Star would have made a clean sweep of the XXXX League honors this season.

The club also secured the QSF's club championship, conducted over the four XXXX grades and now is looking to use that depth next season.

"I will have as few weeks off to get over everything, then I will sit down with the committee and talk about next year," Fagan said.

**BRISBANE LIONS striker FRANK LIDDELL (below).**

## BRISBANE LIONS COVET SUCCESS

**BRISBANE Lions could "buy back the farm" if they are successful in the NSL promotion playoffs against West Adelaide Hellas, scheduled to start this weekend (October 11).**

Lions lost three key players when they were relegated 12 months ago, but asked all three to include "buy-back" clauses in their contracts.

Danny Wright went to South Melbourne while John Stewart and Steve Jackson moved to Preston. Heidelberg's unsettled Soccerroo Alan Hunter also is a former Lions player.

"If we win the promotion series, obviously we will have to strengthen our team and we will be asking some of our former players if they want to return," said Lions secretary Lawrence Oudendyk.

"Some of them still have families up here and were very happy at the club. They only left because we could not offer them NSL football this season."

"The big advantage in getting some of our players back is that we know all about them, on and off the field. Sometimes you can make a big mistake signing someone you have only watched on the park a few times."

The most likely to move north could be Preston striker John Stewart, the elder brother of Lions midfielder Russell Stewart. John has had a fine year in

Melbourne and enhanced his reputation as one of the game's real professionals.

But rumors are strong at Richlands that eventually John will return to Brisbane to finish his career.

In addition to looking at their former players, Lions also have been scouting at the Australian Institute of Sport and could make a few surprise signings.

Current young Soccerroos Jason Polak and John Koch are Queenslanders.

Although the Lions Bank balance probably couldn't handle it, a side which almost certainly would compete for NSL honors could be assembled if all the Queenslanders could be brought "home".

In addition to Hunter, Wright, Jackson, John Stewart, Polak and Koch, add Frank Farina and Manis Lamond.

Throw in those Lions stars who stayed with the club this year including Alan Niven, Russell Stewart, Rob Farrow, Jim Morton and John Ogden (who are all State team players) and that's a pretty fair side.

With Lions also looking to sign other Brisbane players like Azzurri's Frank Mengotti, Mount Gravatt's Martin Kirsopp and Ipswich's Peter Vogler, the Richlands club could be a real NSL force.

But then it would need to be if it outlayed all the money that would be needed to snare all the Maroons Soccer stars.





## WOLVES WON'T STACK THEIR TEAM

**WOLLONGONG** City coach John Fleming has angrily refuted a Sydney Sunday newspaper report that he will stack his team with New Zealanders for the return to the West End National League.

Columnist Johnny Warren said he was disappointed that Fleming would be seeking five or six Kiwis to build up his side.

Warren indicated that was the wrong move when there are so many talented young players produced in the Wollongong region.

Fleming said he was amazed when he read the article.

"I wish he would have checked with me before

making such an outlandish statement," Fleming said.

"Other people have said they were also surprised that Warren would have his name on such a story."

The Wolves' coach said he had indicated a month ago former Wolves' and Kiwi international defender Bill de Graaf had spoken to him about the talent available in New Zealand.

"De Graaf was passing through Wollongong and as we were former teammates I had a drink with him and asked him about the talent that might be available over there," Fleming said.

"He said he would let me know if he came across

a player who might do well in Australia and was interested in joining Wollongong.



JOHN FLEMING

"That was as far as it went so I don't know who told Warren we were virtually going to import our own Kiwi team."

Fleming said he hasn't heard from De Graaf since.

Club directors are talking with Fleming about the players he wants retained for next season.

Fleming is also anxiously waiting to check the players available for transfer when the list comes out month.

A number of NSL and State League players have indicated they are keen to join Wollongong but Fleming said finding the right players won't be an easy job.

"We have a certain amount of money to pay out and we just can't afford to outlay it on the wrong players and risk being relegated in our first season back," he said.

### TASMANIA

BY WALTER PLESS

## ROTHMANS MEDAL TO MONAGLE

**LIAM Monagle, player-coach of Northern Tasmanian Honeychurch Premier League club George Town, is the 1987 Rothmans Medal winner in Tasmania.**

Monagle polled 30 points, eight ahead of Launceston Juventus's Peter Savill, who was second.

The leading Southern player was White Eagles striker, Andrew Leszczynski, who came third with 20 votes.

It was Monagle's second Gold Medal, having won the award previously in 1983 while with Ulverstone.

He polled 34 votes on that occasion.

Monagle, a 30-year-old school teacher at St Patrick's College in Launceston, arrived in Australia

from Ireland in 1981 to join NSL club Heidelberg United.

He left the Melbourne club the following year and teamed up with Joe McGrory at Ulverstone on Tasmania's north west coast.

Monagle transferred to George Town in 1984 and coached the side to third place in this year's competition.

He has been a regular member of the State team and the Northern representative side in its intra-state clashes with the South.

"I honestly didn't think

I had a chance, and that's not false modesty," Monagle said after being presented with the medal by Tasmania's Minister for Sport and Recreation, Mr John Bennett, MHA, at the presentation ceremony at Hobart's West Point Casino Convention Centre.

"It was a shock for me, both that I was on the board to begin with, and that I eventually won it.

"It's a dream come true and I really don't know what to say other than it's quite amazing.

"I felt I had played better in 1983 when I won the medal the first time, but that is not to say that I've played badly this year."

Monagle said one of his biggest thrills this sea-

son had been coaching young players at George Town.

He said the club had used many players who were under 18 years of age and this augured well for the future of the club in the genuine State League competition which will commence next season.

Monagle said he had been approached by a number of Southern clubs in regard to next season but had not yet made up his mind about a move south.

Vote-getters: 30 Liam Monagle (George Town), 22 Peter Savill (Launceston Juventus), 20 Andrew Leszczynski (White Eagles), 19 Perry Forster (Olympia-WPL), 18 Craig Nichols (Olympia-WPL), Conrad Hughes (Launceston Metric), 8 Barac (Launceston United), 16 Alistair Hales (Howrah), Larry Nunn (Croatia-Glenorchy), Chris Bessell (Launceston City), Andy Fraser (Launceston United).

## SELECTION SINKS APIA

By John Doyle

**THIS game was exciting, very competitive and of a high standard. The Croatian players looked more composed on the ball but APIA were building up squarer and more methodically.**

After four minutes Ward from APIA was penalised on suspicion, for an alleged tackle on Jennings. After a pushing match Ward was given a yellow card, presumably for retaliating against their retaliator.

Jean-Paul de Marigny demonstrated early that he was to be a force. His strong intercepts and excellent ball skills saw him making many devastating runs down the left for APIA. Too often when he gave the ball and went for the return he was not rewarded.

Ward played well generally but was particularly guilty in not getting the ball away to players like de Marigny.

Slater in Croatia suffers from this type of service also." He gives early and

goes for the return. But his team mates can not resist the extra touch on the ball before release. It means the timing of the pass is bad.

After seventeen minutes of end to end entertaining play, the ball was switched from Bertogna at right midfield to de Marigny, whose early cross resulted in a scramble in the penalty box. Ward was sniffing for a half chance and struck the ball unluckily just wide.

APIA were surprisingly unable to adjust to the Croatian game plan. Croatia played Slater and Lamond as free front runners, keeping Arnold deep where he has played many times before.

It resulted in Terry Butler playing in the back line for APIA, often picking up Slater with Arno Bertogna playing in midfield. A simple swap off with Butler and Bertogna changing roles would have led to the more effective lineup for APIA. As it was a tackle by Butler on Slater resulted in the injury and eventual replacement of Butler.

With Butler at midfield APIA play less long balls

and are then a better team. Replacement Katholos should have been in the midfield all game also.

Edward Lorens has only pedestrian involvement in the game. He should pressure players from a lot closer when he jockies. He should be prepared to check into spaces, forming the link with the back line and the front.

He and Charlie Yankos hit more long balls than Greg Norman. In Charlie's favour he is totally committed to winning.

Hilton Phillips is willing and able but he can't be set alight without a spark from his midfield link. For Croatia Manis Lamond is exciting. His dribbling skills are a pleasure to watch but you question the value of a man who can miss as many as he can.

Just before halftime de Marigny's corner from the right was partly cleared by Croatia keeper Greg Woodhouse. Jean-Paul got a second chance and crossed it to the far post where Rod Brown rose beautifully to head across the face and Bertogna tucked it away with a sharp left volley.

The penalty equaliser was a questionable affair, Jennings hit a one two with Slater and just missed picking up the return cleanly. Some holding on the part of Jennings and his tackler Brown resulted in a surprise penalty awarded to Croatia by Chris Bainbridge.

Croatia scored the winner when Mark Jones picked the ball up at left midfield. The APIA midfielder jockeyed once too often. Jones set it up and cracked the winner past Pezzano's desperate dive.

APIA tried to pull the game out of the fire. De Marigny was still dangerous down the left and Brown was a constant threat in the centre. Charlie Yankos involved himself more in attacking play but the extra man coming forward was lost because of APIA's inability to get sufficient midfielders in short passing situations.

It resulted in Yankos hitting too much long ball. A slower buildup to Katholos and a midfielder of Terry Butler's ability may have resulted in an APIA equaliser.

**FIRST grade cricketer Peter van Geest is one of the leading candidates for the Illawarra Soccer Player of the Year award, on Friday night.**

Van Geest, having his second season back with Unanderra after a break of four years from the game, has been very impressive.

Unanderra coach Ron Sattin has described him as certainly one of the most reliable central defenders in the league.

Van Geest has resumed

his cricket activities with Port Kembla, the team he captained through last season.

A former Country cricket representative, van Geest has strong competition for the Soccer award.

Consistent West-figtree midfielder Phil Brown has had a top season, as has Cringila midfielder Bobby Tupaceski.

Another two midfielders, Tony Charnock (South Coast Croatia) and a well-known Bulli star are expected to have picked up plenty of points.

Association publicity officer John Walker said the contest has been a lot closer than in past years.

He said district referees have allocated points on a three, two, one basis all season.

The announcement will be made at the ISA presentation night at Corrimal League Club on Friday night.

In the other major award, Croatia striker Joe Coelho will receive the trophy as leading goalscorer, having scored 29 times this season.

## BULLI WOULDN'T WAIT

**JOHN Frew has replaced Norm Flanagan as coach at Bulli in one of the most controversial appointments ever in Illawarra Soccer.**

The Bulli club executive told Flanagan that Frew would be taking over minutes

before the start of the team's opening Ampol Cup game against Canberra Juventus at Memorial Park.

Their decision followed 24 hours of high drama in which Bulli officials asked Flanagan to indicate if he would be available to take the job in 1988.

He told them he would not make a decision until the team had played their last game of the Ampol Cup series.

This was not acceptable to the club and they told Frew on the Friday night he had the job.

Flanagan said he was shattered when told a decision had been made.

"I thought they could hang on for two or three weeks after the success I have had with the club over the last five years," he said.

"I admit I would not give them an answer but really expected to be treated a bit better than that."

Club treasurer Roy Hancox said the executive had no option in the interests of the club.

He said they asked Flanagan a number of times if he wanted the job next season but the coach would not indicate what he wanted to do.

"If we had waited until he made his mind up and he wanted a change of club we would have risked being left without a coach," Hancox said.

"All Premier League clubs are moving quickly to get their coaches finalised and Frew could easily have been snapped up by someone else.

"We have had a very successful run under Flanagan but were left in a position where the club could really have suffered."

Some senior players said they were shocked to hear Flanagan had been treated in such a way.

One said the club should have waited until the team's commitments were finished before putting pressure on Flanagan.

At one stage the players were talking of boycotting Saturday's Ampol Cup game against Canberra College of Advanced Education in Canberra.

After a meeting with Flanagan they decided to turn out in Canberra to fulfil the club's obligations.

In his five years at Bulli, Flanagan took them to three grand finals and two league championships.

Last season they became only the second team in the last 30 years to win the league and Cup double without suffering a defeat.

Frew will go in to the job

after being sacked by State League club Wollongong Macedonia mid-season.

He has been helping out with the Corrimal under 19 squad since but applied for a number of senior coaching jobs for next season.

When the controversy raged, Frew and his family were on holidays in Europe.

Flanagan's future is not known but Macedonia, Fairy Meadow Italia and Fernhill are among clubs who have contacted him since the news broke he would not be at Bulli next season.

## AUSTRALIAN WOMEN'S SOCCER ASSOCIATION

NAME: Lean Wright

NUMBER OF

INTERNATIONALS: 1

PLACE OF BIRTH: Sydney

OCCUPATION: Laboratory

ASSISTANT

PLAYING POSITION:

Midfield

SOCCER HONOURS: N.S.W rep. since 1981; Aust.

rep. 1981.

SOCCER HIGHLIGHTS: Being selected in 1981

Australian squad.

MOST ADMIRER PLAYERS: Julie Murray and Jim

Bellingham.

MOST INFLUENTIAL PERSON ON SOCCER

CAREER: Arno Bertogna.

FAVOURITE FOOD:

Seafood.

STATE ASSOC.: N.S.W

D.O.B.: 8.4.66

HEIGHT: 165cms

FAVOURITE MUSIC:

Joan Armatrading.

OTHER SPORTS INTERESTS AND HONOURS:

NSWCHS cricket rep.; enjoys most sports; scored

Australia's first goal against Canterbury in N.Z. in

1981.

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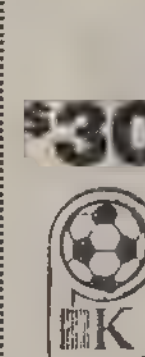
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**LITTLE winger Frank Cole is the king of the castle in WA.**

It was his name that ended up on the Rothmans Gold medal for the fairest and best player of 1987 when the final votes were announced at a Rothmans dinner at the prestigious Sheraton Golden Ballroom last Friday.

One of Gosnells' three visas players, Cole was an early season favourite only to drop out of contention after a brilliant first six rounds.

In those matches he picked up the maximum three points in five games, a rating not only of the match referees but of other observers in other individual competitions.

Suddenly the backslapping reports dried up as the pressure to maintain the run increased.

More often he was called to make his devastating runs down the right and then finish it off.

The lack of a truly penetrating striker was a hurdle Gosnells failed to overcome.

Consequently Cole was seen less and less.

However, he emerged towards the end of the season to add to his tally which increased by a further 10 points, six of those in the closing moments of the season.

His final tally of 25 points gave him a comfortable margin of five points over his nearest rivals, teammate Paul Benning and former Australian international Gary Marocchi of Perth Azurri.

In all honesty no-one picked Cole for the medal.

Not that he is not a worthy winner, because he has the class that catches the eye, and maybe in a better team his name would have been on everyone's lips throughout the season.

The man that most people thought would win was the giant Stirling Macedonia striker John Hunter who topped the goalscoring award with 19 goals and won the players "Player of the Year" medal.

But he finished in equal fourth spot with 19 points, the same number as Ingleswood-Kiev's Norrie Sutton who himself won the medal in 1982 while with Kiev.

Cole also pipped Hunter in Radio 6NR's best player award with votes from an independent panel of reporters who covered all matches for the station.

"It has been a fantastic week for me," said Cole.

"I never gave myself a chance for the medal even though I received an invitation for the dinner.

"Then to win the radio award was the icing on the cake."

Later he confirmed that he would be staying in WA though he was unsure of his future club commitments.

The big surprise of the evening really was the number of quality players who failed to gain an invitation to the dinner.

The WA Federation had set a target of a minimum of six votes for an invitation.

Not on the list were players like Macedonia's Frank Clark, one of the top three players in WA, and the tall goalkeeper with lightning reflexes, Robert Zabica.

In fact no goalkeeper



FRANK COLE (right) strides it out.

gained an invitation which was a travesty with someone like Bayswater Inter's Steve Martin not picking up at least six points.

Dalmatinac had the biggest contingent at the dinner with six representatives, but inconceivably the tenacious Ross Greer was not among them.

Floreat Athena's Micky Cairns also missed out.

But then Cairns is so unobtrusive while being so effective that his brilliance often goes unnoticed.

There was no real favourite this year,

though Hunter and Kingsway Olympic's Roy Jones looked strong possibilities.

In the end Jones was well down the list with 13 votes.

## THE NSL QUALIFIER

BY TOM McKAM, IN ADELAIDE

**THE delay over the playing of the West End National League qualifying games between Brisbane Lions and Adelaide Hellas may backfire on the Queenslanders.**

The refusal by Brisbane Lions to play before the SA team's Youth Soccer Lou Hnrodoulou left for South America left the way open for the Adelaide club to also employ delaying tactics.

The Australian Soccer Federation and the QSF stressed that all local play-offs should be completed first.

This gave the SASF the chance to point out that Adelaide Hellas was due to play Adelaide City in a two-leg series for the Fairmont Cup, a \$15,000 challenge which was introduced last year by Fairmont Homes, City's major sponsor who also "helps" Hellas.

If City makes the NSL Top Five series there will be an even further delay.

In the end Hnrodoulou could be back to rejoin Hellas.

Also in Hellas' favor would be the return to full

fitness of Graham Honeyman who came back after knee ligament problems and is only now beginning to reach his peak fitness.

Time is also a help to Scottish import Alby Kidd.

He has been a hit since he arrived six weeks ago, but is improving with every game as he becomes acclimatised to the weather, adjusts to a new life, and gets to know his new team-mates better with every game.

Lions were reported to have a spy in the stand last Wednesday night when the SA champions completed a treble with a 2-1 win over Polonia to take the West End Premier Cup to add to the Coca-Cola Top Four Cup and the Rothmans League title.

What the observer saw may or not be what Lions will be up against in the NSL play-offs.

For starters, Hnrodoulou was not there and also missing was tear-away striker George Konstandopoulos.

Polonia was the last team to qualify for the Premier Cup which featured the top eight from the league table.

Polling surprisingly well was last year's winner Ken Lowe who only played half the season after returning late from England.

Lowe is now back in England and with Wimbledon who are having a look at him.

Apart from the award, a highlight of the evening was the guest speaker Johnny Warren who placed the priorities of the game in Australia succinctly calling for a new direction for the code.

"Let's sell the game to Australia," was his message.

"Let's make the game Australian."

### NSW WIN IN TAS

**NSW emerged National Under 14 champions after a week long campaign at the Valley Road sports complex, Devonport.**

Guided by their shrewd coach, Ian Lloyd, they took home the trophy without a single loss in eight games.

Their most dangerous opponents, Victoria, took

second berth one point behind the leaders.

Queensland, admirably coached by Brian MacNicol, slotted into third position with a solid and consistent performance.

The telling game of the series was on Day 8 when the Vics and NSW clashed in a superb match with lots of action and skill but no goals.

## BRIGHT ATHENA

**The second half of the D'Orsogna Cup final between Floreat Athena and Stirling Macedonia was head and shoulders the highlight of the season.**

In a season that has lacked sparkle and innovation, this 45 minutes plus two minutes extra time left everyone who saw the game with a sweet taste.

It also left Floreat Athena with a massive hangover on Monday morning following all night celebrations after their memorable 3-2 victory.

Athena have few baubles to show for their years in the game, though they had won the major titles once (the top four cup twice).

The D'Orsogna Cup was the one title they had never won, and in fact had only made the final twice in the past 27 years.

For much of the match they didn't look in danger of losing the game leading 2-0 with goals from Mike Nicolakis in the seventh minute and Paul Wormley 18 seconds into the second half.

But Macedonia have a habit of coming back from the dead, and they did it again with a 20 minute burst from the 65th minute mark.

Two substitutions by coach Ray Hott bringing on Eddie Sinclair and Neil Henson did the trick, creating width to an attack that had looked pedestrian and narrow.

First Henson laid on a cross to John Hunter who flicked a little through-ball to Derek Combe who slipped the ball past goalkeeper Chris Barbas.

Then three minutes later Henson headed a high floating ball over Barbas and just under the bar to make the scores level.

It now seemed only a matter of time before Macedonia would pull the rabbit out of the hat once again for the old familiar Houdini trick.

But for once the opposition held tight, and with less than a minute to go it was Athena who

A Markovski cross from the left gave William Hastie a free header for the Vics in the 31st minute but he screwed it wide and the teams turned at 0-0.

Sunday's final round of matches decided little and at 3pm the Mayor of Devonport, Ald Geoff Squibb, presented the trophy to the winning side, just before Mr Vic Tutting, President of the Tasmanian Soccer Federation, closed the Under 14 carnival.

JOHN TSCHEPPEA

somehow found the strength on a very warm afternoon to find the winner.

A smart little angled through-ball from Wormley found Harry Katsamakis unmarked in the left hand edge of the penalty.

On his unfamiliar right foot he drilled the ball into the narrow gap between Zabica and the far post to find the net.

Injury time failed to bring a reply from Macedonia, though they came close through Henson.

With no-one from the more than 3,000 crowd having left, the field became a sea of waving blue and white when the final whistle sounded.

Athena won because they were the best side with the best tactics for the entire match.

Coach Ken Worden had worked on the opposition and his theories proved correct, even when a reversal seemed imminent.

Looking for best players, it is Athena that springs readily to mind with defenders Dave Walker, Jeff Curran and Micky Cairns outstanding.

In midfield, former Swansea City's Huw Lake put in a solid display, while the individual honour of the day belonged to Wormley who won the D'Orsogna medal for the "Player of the Final".

Macedonia had their stars, though few reached the heights of Athena's, with Hunter never giving up despite the marvellous marking job on him by Walker.

**THE Young Soccer-oos took out their first two warm-up games in Argentina with 1-0 wins over Boca Juniors and Velez Sarsfield. Skipper Kurl Reynolds scored from the penalty spot in the 60th minute to secure the result in the second game.**

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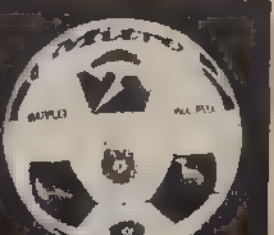
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## PALACIOS' FUTURE IN DOUBT

CANBERRA Griffins began the season a long way behind other teams in the NSW State Bank League but have more than made up the ground, coach Augusto Palacios said before returning home to Peru recently.

When Palacios arrived earlier in the year he had less than three weeks to prepare the squad for the opening league game of the season. Contracts had not been signed and he was in doubt about which players he could use until literally hours before the big kick-off.

In contrast, his main rivals for the championship — Blacktown City, Wollongong City and Melita Eagles — had been in training since before Christmas.

His answer was to introduce a training regime which tested the loyalty of his part-time squad to its limits — four hours a night, four nights a week were his requirements at first as he pushed his men to their physical limits. "It was as near a full-time professional set-up as I could expect," he said.

He believes the benefits are there for all to see. "We have the best goalkeepers in the league in George Economopoulos and Tony Giannasca; our defence has only conceded more than two goals once — and we won that match 6-3; our midfield, built around Tom Sermanni, has been superb, while up front we have the highest scorer in the league in Alan Reis."

Palacios did not say as much, but the championship was probably lost on a cold Wednesday night in early July when he was helped from the field against Inter Monaro with what turned out to be severe knee ligament damage.

The Griffins won on the night but with their coach a spectator, they began to drop silly points — two against a 10-man Wollongong, one in injury time to Uruguayan Penrith, two to Rockdale Illinden.

## MONARO'S BRAVERY

**DEFENDER Joe Gagetti won Inter Monaro's best and fairest award at its presentation night recently. That was not remarkable, Gagetti has had a fine season. Far more extraordinary was the fact that Monaro still existed to have a presentation night at all.**

Twelve months ago it crashed out of the National Soccer League, a club in ruins. With around \$30,000 of debts, what players it had left demoralised by continual defeat, and the Marco Polo club refusing to guarantee any further financial support, there were many willing to bet against it even getting to the starting post in 1987.

The fact it did, even managing a respectable mid-table position in the NSW State Bank League, is a monument to the work of a small group of people who formed the nucleus of the committee.

It would have been easy to have said the task of keeping the club alive was too difficult, but the group, Maria Florian, Mirco Paven, Sammy Biancolin and Ennio Di Pauli, decided instead that 20 years of Soccer tradition in Queanbeyan was worth saving.

They began the hard, thankless work of rebuilding. Monaro's position meant hopes of a major sponsor would remain just that, but there were still small, local businessmen willing to give support.

And so the money began to come in. Small amounts in themselves, together they totalled a staggering \$100,000, enabling the club to get through the season and make inroads into its debt to the point where it hopes to be in the black by the end of the year.

On the field, the remnants of the NSL side, Gagetti, Angelo Titilas, Angelo Ambrosino, Baz Giampaolo and Marko Perinovic, were joined by a group of raw youngsters under coach Vic Fernandez.

Fernandez's work on the field was almost as remarkable as that off it. He brought his son, Victor junior, to Monaro, persuaded Gabriel Domazetovich and Ray Colbertaldo out of retirement and recruited Andrew Monterosso from the ACT first division.

Results were erratic, but after a bad start Monaro began to climb the ladder and ended the season safe from relegation.

The coach believes it is within Monaro's capabilities to return to the NSL one day but will only consider his future with the club after he returns from the World Youth Cup in Chile where he will be Young Socceroo coach Les Scheinflug's assistant.

"It's up in the air," he said recently. "I'll be taking a holiday in Argentina after the Cup so I won't be getting back to Canberra until early December."

"By that time I hope a few things will be settled. Progress has to be made and it is no use going through another season like the last one, not for Monaro's sake — or mine."

Other awards at the presentation night were: Most improved player, first team, Mark Arthur; best and fairest, reserves, David Menigon; most improved, reserves, Manuel Notaris.

Palacios is, nevertheless, full of praise for the players and for the club committee which has struggled to meet his wishes. He wants to return next season but a lot will depend on the next few weeks as the Griffins try to put together the kind of financial base he requires.

"I've had plenty of offers — from two clubs in Peru, another in South Africa, a club in Costa Rica had a request I coach the Costa Rican national youth team," he said.

"I've even had an approach from another club in the NSW League. But I love Canberra. The people are friendly and I think there is a future for Soccer here. If it is at all possible, I would like to return."

It follows quite logically that if the Griffins do have a long-term future then, on the field at least, Augusto Palacios is the person to guide them.

## ACT SCHOOLS

### DAY 1

**THE ACT got off to a fine start in the Australian Schools Championships in Perth with both the boys and girls teams winning.**

The boys beat NSW 3-0, Craig Hoogendoorn scoring in the sixth minute and adding to that from the penalty spot in the 47th. John Gibson (80th) was the other scorer.

The only cloud over a fine win for the reigning champion was the sending off of Alan Riddell and a NSW opponent after a clash.

The ACT girls beat the Northern Territory 2-0 in a game of mixed fortunes for midfielder Sophie Mathes.

In the only other girls game played Queensland came back from 2-0 down to beat NSW 3-2.

### DAY 2

**TWO ACT players required hospital treatment after a bruising second day's play in the championships.**

Defender Greg Mills had a depressed fracture of the jawbone after receiving an elbow in the face during the boys' 2-1

win over Victoria, while Cathy Butler twisted her knee as the girls battled to a 0-0 draw with Western Australia. For both it was the end of the titles.

John Gibson put the boys ahead in the 23rd minute and Paul Welch added to the score after 53 minutes. Paul Jamieson got one back for Victoria late in the game.

Best for the ACT were Steve Horvat, Craig Weldon and Brian Watkins.

### DAY 3

**THE ACT had a disastrous third day, losing all three matches it played.**

The boys were beaten twice, 2-1 by Western Australia and 3-2 by Queensland, losing all realistic chance of retaining the title. To complete a miserable day, Alan Riddell was sent off for the second time.

Craig Hoogendoorn had two fine games, scoring in both.

The girls put on a fine fighting display against favourite Queensland and were not beaten until Judy Jarman scored from the penalty spot to give her side a 2-1 victory with what proved to be the last kick of the game.

Earlier, Vanh Manthongsy had found the net for the ACT.



MARKO PERINOVIC (Inter Monaro) goes for an overhead scissor's kick

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## ACT SEEKS SUPPORT

THE Australian Institute of Sport Soccer team has finished its 1987 fixtures with players and officials still completely in the dark about the future.

And there is a very real danger that apathy and sometimes downright hostility to the program in the Australian Soccer community could lead to its downgrading in 1988 and beyond.

At the root of the problem is where the AIS should play. It has proved far too strong for the National Youth League and in the season just completed lost one match in 30 to senior teams in the Victorian State competition.

But head coach Ron

Smith says that arrangement was a one-off affair and the AIS can no longer afford to support the cost of playing in a series with teams based in Melbourne.

The obvious alternative is the NSW State Bank League, but there is considerable opposition from clubs already complaining about the fact they have to travel to Canberra Griffins and Inter Monaro from Sydney.

An increasingly concerned Smith has made an appeal to NSW League clubs to reconsider support for an AIS application.

"I realise that there will be some inconvenience but I would like them to help us for the good of Soccer as a whole," he said.

"I would undertake now that we would not use the league as a stepping stone to the NSL and that if we finished in a promotion position we would not seek to go further. There is a possibility we would be able to cover some of the clubs' transport costs in making the extra trip to Canberra."

Smith said that the continuance of the AIS program was crucial to the development of young players in Australia.

"Now that the NSL has been reduced to 14 clubs it is going to become increasingly difficult for youngsters of 17 or 18 to break into first-team

squads.

"Overseas there are usually far larger first divisions and fully professional second divisions and below where they have an adequate environment to develop their skills.

"In Australia the AIS is the only real stage where a quality youngster not quite ready for the NSL can receive full-time professional instruction.

"Look at the current Young Socceroos squad preparing for the World Youth Cup. Of the 18 players only seven are regular members of NSL first teams. Five are at the AIS, one is in St George's youth team, four are with Blacktown City in the State League and one with West Adelaide in the South Australian League."

Smith rejected the argument that the Institute would be better off returning to the NYL and bringing in younger players.

"Whatever the age group you have problems. With the older ones there are concerns over employment and tertiary education; the younger ones often don't want to leave home or disrupt their schooling.

"Ideally I would like to see the bulk of the Young Socceroos at the Institute, living and training together in the atmosphere of a professional club."

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# AUSTRALIAN INDOOR PAGE



## NO SHORTAGE OF PROFESSIONALISM

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#### DUKIC OPTS FOR INDOOR

THERE was no tug-of-war between Ampol Cup holder Croatia Deakin and Indoor Soccer over the services of Croatia's top scorer, Stan Dukic, assistant coach Ivan Gruicic said.

"We are not entering into any battle with Dukic — if he wants to play indoor Soccer we wish him the best of luck, if he wants to play for Australia at indoor we wish him even more luck," Gruicic said.

"Croatia has simply told him that while our season continues he has to make a choice. He has apparently chosen indoor Soccer so that is an end to it.

"This club is too big for any one individual, no matter how prominent. We will get along without him and are looking forward to the Ampol Championship series and the Australian Croatian Championships which will round off the season."

Meanwhile Canberra Rockets' outspoken manager, Trevor Vizovitis, has been ordered to make a public apology over comments he made over the standard of refereeing in the National Indoor Soccer League.

Vizovitis said that he had received a letter from the chairman of the NISL referees' committee, Albert Umpleby, demanding he make the apology.

"They said my comments distressed referees and some of them were considering withdrawing their services," Vizovitis said. "I am a little bemused by it all as I thought there was a right of free speech, but in view of their attitude I have decided to make the apology."

THANKS to some enterprising leadership from the likes of Peter Gangemi and Tony Pasquale and the backing of Nick Tana's Big Rooster chicken chain, the Perth Cougars are up and running in a big way in Western Australia.

The Cougars are a truly professional outfit and have surprised some of the more established James Hardie teams with their organisation and on the court performances.

Inspired by the success of the Perth Wildcats in the National Basketball League, Gange-

mi and company saw the opportunity to establish indoor soccer overnight. Although it is early days they have already made a significant impact on the Perth sporting scene.

Gangemi doubles as the franchise's manager and coach, Tony Pasquale is the Cougars coordinator, John O'Connell its promotions manager, Malcolm Brown the assistant manager, Shane Halnan the referees instructor and Peter's wife Lori the hard-work-

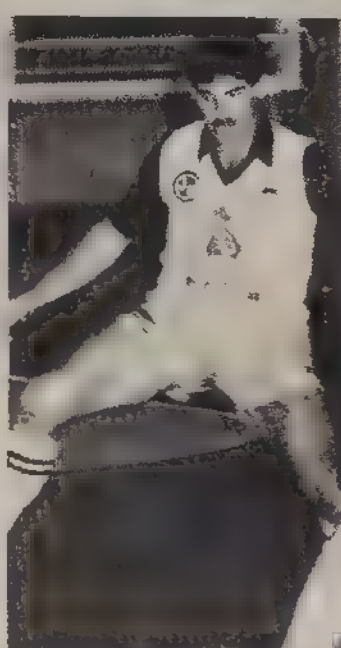
ing secretary.

Attendances at home games at Perry Lakes Stadium are around the 1,000 mark with expected increases as the season progresses, especially with the Cougars on the fringe of top four status.

The Cougars have already won a reputation with other clubs for the way they look after visiting teams from correct meeting procedures at airports, liaison with the visitors through to after-match functions and attention to lo-

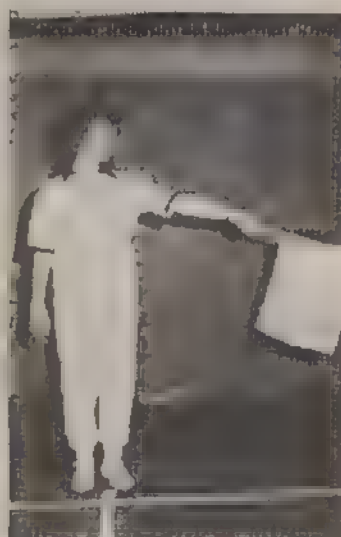
cal VIP's and media personnel.

Their home match



Perth Cougars' Richard Gaitan.

LOTTO ALLSTARS 2 (Dolton and Gilligan) AND STINGERS 1 (Skenehski)



Janine Warren — The JHNISL's only female official.

A large crowd saw IMB Stingers make a relatively good start in a contest which was dominated by defence.

IMB held a 1-0 lead at the interval and were putting together a good possession passing game. Unfortunately it came to little and a lapse in defence allowed Phil Dolton to break from the back and latch onto a Scott Gilligan pass to level the scores.

A series of offences preceded the winning goal from Lotto. Playing the ball whilst on the floor and dangerous play over the ball and a sliding tackle all put the Stingers behind the eight ball. These all led to Gilligan striking the ball towards goal and a goal resulting from a deflection off of Frank Sales into the roof of the net.

BUFFALO Points: 2 Phil Gaitan (LA) 2 Robbie Davis (LA) 1 Frank Sales (IMB) 1 Bruce Thurlow (LA).



The Perth Cougarette's.

programme is a credit to the League and is far more impressive than the National outdoor clubs' programmes.

Perth Cougars de-

serve success with such a professional approach, which could well be followed by other franchises in the James Hardie NISL.

### SHORT SHOTS

THE Australian Indoor Soccer Federation is planning a coaching course...in Brazil. The novel move is sure to be productive in the home of Futsal where the world champions, leading clubs and coaches reside. It is envisaged a group of 15-20 coaches will make up the group and those coaches interested can obtain further details from head office — (02) 771-1677. The trip is pencilled in for the middle of next year and it is fair to say coaches will learn heaps in Brazil.

THE national referees body held a seminar in Sydney last weekend under the chairmanship of national technical director Tony Slater. The latest rule book with the laws of the game is available through head office.

'SISKA' Filipovic, runaway leader in the Buffalo Player of the Year and Buffalo Top Scorer competition, is rapidly becoming the Warwick Capper of the James Hardie National Indoor Soccer League. Radovan is afforded star status at Gridline Eagles home games and on a recent trip to Perth delighted the 1,000 audience with skills never before seen in the west.

NATIONAL coach Nick Nicolopoulos takes the national ladies team into training camp at the Australian Institute of Sport this week to prepare for the forthcoming New Zealand tour on November 26. Six national teams will visit New Zealand — the open ladies team, the under 16 girls team and the under 17, 16, 14 and 13 boys national teams.



Canberra Rockets' Stan Dukic (left) pictured tackling Lotto Allstar's John White.



# BUFFALO SPORTS







# The James Hardie National Indoor Soccer League

**CANBERRA ROCKETS 3** (Maracic 2 and Kyrgios).  
**PARRAMATTA SPARTANS 2** (Akkary and S.Duval).

THE Parramatta Spartans received the shock of their lives as the Canberra Rockets revealed much of the untapped potential it has at the Leisure Centre in taking the spine-tingling match 3-2 with but four seconds remaining!

For all money it was going to be a draw until Emil Maracic blasted in his second goal in the space of five minutes right at the death to give his side a thrilling victory.

Earlier his side had been behind 2-1 after Carlos Akkary and Steve Duval struck inside three minutes in the first half but the Rockets' late comeback was soul-stirring to say the least. Like they say...better later than never!

**Spartans:** Mourinho, Spirovski, Silva, Akkary, Dameski.  
**Subs:** Rojano.  
**Rockets:** Moebus, Kyrgios, Titilas, Maracic, Perkovic.

**BUFFALO Points:** 2 Peter Dameski (PS) 1 Emil Maracic (CR) 1 Sasha Spirovski (PS) 1

**Frank Speranza (PS) 1 Steve Duval (PS).**

**GRIDLINE EAGLES 9** (Filipovic 4, Radosavljevic 2, Popovic, Blazic and Nastoski).

**CANBERRA STRIKERS 5** (Kanaridis 3, Stewart and Jadric).  
**at the Fairfield Leisure Centre.**

The previously very steady ship of Gridline Eagles was rocked somewhat by the travelling Canberra Strikers yet they still managed a 9-5 victory at Fairfield.

Led home, as ever, by skipper Radovan Filipovic the Eagles successfully withstood a determined Canberra Strikers' outfit that refused to concede.

'Siska' as Filipovic is known to his team-mates cracked four goals whilst Canberra's goalscorer in Jim Kanaridis grabbed another hat-trick in the beaten side.

Another useful performer in the Gridline side, who are still searching for sponsorship, was strong defender Mirko Radosavljevic who also grabbed a brace of goals into the bargain.

Meantime Kanaridis was ably supported by the evergreen Billy Stewart and Ian Murray for the Strikers.

**Eagles:** Curcic, Radosavljevic, Antic, Blazic, Filipovic.  
**Subs:** Nastoski, Popovic, Rodic.  
**Strikers:** Hayes, Tansey, Stewart, Murray, Kanaridis.  
**Subs:** Jodric, Vukes, Dale.

**BUFFALO Points:** 2 Radovan Filipovic (GE) 2 Jim Kanaridis (CS) 1 Mirko Radosavljevic (GE) 1 Zoran Blazic (GE).

**GRIDLINE EAGLES 9** (Filipovic 6, Blazic and Nastoski).  
**CANBERRA ROCKETS 4** (Maracic 3 and Perkovic).  
**at Fairfield.**

For the second time in consecutive nights the table-topping Gridline Eagles struggled and did not have things all their own way in accounting for Canberra Rockets 9-4 on Sunday morning.

Remarkably it was that man Radovan Filipovic who grabbed the limelight once more and one just wonders whether any side can keep this man scoreless this season. The imminent match-up between Gridline and the champions, Sydney Tornados in the very near future will be a classic and you can put your bottom dollar on the Tornados' captain-coach Steve Knight taking care of the marking duties on his opposite number.

But on this day it was all Filipovic as he smacked six goals although not looking as good as everyone has become accustomed. On the other side Emil Maracic kept up his goalscoring form of the weekend with a hat-trick.

**Eagles:** Rodic, Filipovic, Blazic, Antic, Nastoski. **Subs:** Popovic, Blagojevic, Curcic.

**Rockets:** Moebus, Perkovic, Kyrgios, Vizovidis, Titilas.

**BUFFALO Points:** 2 Radovan Filipovic (GE) 2 Zoran Blazic (GE) 1 Vince Nastoski (GE) 1 Emil Maracic (CR).

**THOMASTOWN TWISTIES 9** (Hackett 4, Metaxas 3, Carvalho and Futjo).  
**BRISBANE BOMBERS 1** (Wotherspoon).

The Thomastown Twisties Crushers are finally hitting their straps and unfortunately for them, the Brisbane Bombers are seemingly falling into a desperate form slump.

Defender Steve Hackett grabbed four goals and front-runner John Metaxas nabbed a hat-trick to take his season tally to fifteen.

Ian Wotherspoon continues to do the scoring for the beleaguered Bombers albeit the odd one on this occasion.

But the Twisties were a snappy bunch on the night and are starting to realise their real promise.

**Twisties:** Speziale, Ferreira, F.Carvalho, Papalazarou, Metaxas. **Subs:** Hackett, Futjo and Carafa.  
**Bombers:** King, Barnard, Reid, McClure, Melville. **Subs:** Wotherspoon and Simpson.

**BUFFALO Points:** 3 Steve Hackett (TT) 2 John Metaxas (TT) 1 Fortunato Carvalho (TT).

**GEELONG CC's Cats 9** (Nogger 4, Ullar 2, S.Radojevic 2, Stojanovski).  
**BRISBANE 1** (Wotherspoon).

**CC's:** Vanjek, McAuliffe, Perin, S.Radojevic, E.Radojevic. **Subs:** Dimovski, Nogger, Stojanovski.

**Bombers:** King, Reid, Wotherspoon, Simpson, Barnard. **Subs:** McClure.

**BUFFALO Points:** 3 Robbie Nogger (CC's) 2 Steve Radojevic (CC's) 1 Richie Barnard (BB).

Geelong's CC's Cats annihilated the Brisbane Bombers by nine goals to one at the Corio Leisuretime Centre.

The first ten minutes of the match was very low key as each team sized up the opposition. Cats had the ball in the net, but the final touch was inside the goal area, and it was the Bombers which took the lead after twelve minutes, when Ian Wotherspoon broke down the left and shot across debutant keeper, Peter Vanjek.

Cats called a time-out and Steve Radojevic reminded his team of its battle plan. The break had an immediate effect as Geelong scored twice in thirty seconds. Steve Radojevic led the way with a grounder under keeper, Mike King.

From the restart, Robbie Nogger crashed in a right-footer from an acute angle. Two minutes later he robbed John Reid and ran on to score. Ian Wotherspoon attracted the wrong kind of attention and collected yellow and blue cards, which left Bombers without a substitute for the rest of the game. Just before the interval, Steve Radojevic scored his

second goal, a carbon copy of the first.

Steve McAuliffe opened the second half with a strong run from the back a neat lay-off to Nogger for the fifty goal for the Cats. Colin Simpson and young Nigel McLure worked a couple of openings for the Bombers, but it was Dinko Uljar who put Cats further ahead.

Peter Stojanovski scored a cool seventh, then George Dimovski found Uljar with a magic through ball for the eighth. John Reid left the court after collecting five fouls and after Peter Vanjek pulled off a fine save at one end, Nogger broke at the other to complete the rout.

**PARRAMATTA SPARTANS 6** (Spirovski, Silva, Akkary and Dameski all 2).  
**CANBERRA STRIKERS 4** (Kanaridis 2, Murray and Dale).  
**at Fairfield.**

THE Spartans showed in this match the advantage of true teamwork.

The Parramatta side scored eight goals and they were shared by four players at two apiece. The teamwork was quite evident in the build-ups toward the Strikers' goalmouth.

Once again Canberra were unable to put quite enough pressure on the opposition, as the saying goes, near enough is not good enough.

They were at one stage seeming likely to overhaul the Spartans who 4-0 up after a quarter of an hour. Then the Strikers came to life with acrid replies and they were all but on equal terms when Sasha Spirovski and Hilton Silva both grabbed their second inside the space of twenty seconds to knock the wind of of the Strikers' wet sail.

**Spartans:** Musumeci, S.Duval, Akkary, Speranza, Martinez. **Subs:** Spirovski, Silva, Dameski.  
**Strikers:** Hayes, Kanaridis, Murray, Stewart, Jadric. **Subs:** Vickers and Dale.

**BUFFALO Points:** 2 Peter Dameski (PS) 1 Carlos Akkary (PS) 1 Hilton Silva (PS) 1 Sasha Spirovski (PS) 1 Jim Kanaridis (CS).

**PERTH COUGARS 9** (Z.Atanasovski 4, Sutton 2, Katinski, Roki and Gaitan).  
**BUNDEBERG CANECUTTERS 0** at Perry Lakes Stadium.

The game started at a furious pace with Bundaberg's defence at wits end to stop the onslaught and keeper Brett Burt flinging himself about to deny the home team with some spectacular saves.

After ten minutes the Cougars finally opened the scoring through Zoran Atanasovski, he grabbed a further couple within five minutes to bring up his hat-trick with able support coming from Michael Roki and his brother Boris Atanasovski.

Bundaberg suffered a setback just before half-time when captain Ross Finger was carried off with a suspected broken ankle.

From then on it was all one way traffic and it was not long before the Canecutters suffered the ignominy of being the first side to concede 100 goals this season. However, solace can be gained from the knowledge that the side in improving with each game.

**BUFFALO Points:** 3 Zoran Atanasovski (PC) 2 Vlado Stafela (PC) 1 Brett Burt (BC).

**PERTH COUGARS 7** (Z.Atanasovski 3, B.Atanasovski 2, Roki and Stafela).  
**BRISBANE BOMBERS 5** (Simpson, Reid, Melville, Barnard and own goal) at Perry Lakes.

Both teams seemed satisfied to sit back in defence and attempt to catch the other on the counter. It was ten minutes before the first goal was on the board.

That came from Zoran Atanasovski and three quick efforts by the Cougars after this set the Bombers on their heels. Colin Simpson was replaced after incurring five fouls and the Brisbane boys looked sunk.

However, the second half saw the northerners brace themselves for a battle and with their skipper on the sideline, Ian Wotherspoon took the field and helped turn the match around. The Cougars were struggling to hold onto a 5-4 lead.

Perth desperately needed a boost and a brilliant effort from Zoran Atanasovski and some spectacular efforts from goalkeeper Tony Arrigo made sure the home side would grab the two points.

**BUFFALO Points:** 2 Vlado Stafela (PC) 2 Zoran Atanasovski (PC) 1 Tony Arrigo (PC) 1 Richie Barnard (BB).



ASW's FRANK COLETTA (compiler of the JHNISL reports) eludes SBS's David Garth during last weekend's media match at the Fairfield Leisure Centre. At left is 2DayFM's Ken Cavanagh.

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## The James Hardie Table

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
GRIDLINE Eagles	10	9	1	0	92	41	19
PARRAMATTA Spartans	11	9	0	2	79	40	18
SYDNEY Tornados	7	7	0	0	34	15	14
PERTH Cougars	9	5	1	3	70	49	11
CANBERRA Rockets	11	4	1	6	60	66	9
THOMASTOWN Twisties	7	4	0	3	42	36	8
GEELONG CC's Cats	7	2	2	3	36	35	6
LOTTO Allstars	6	2	2	2	16	18	6
CANBERRA Strikers	10	2	1	7	51	58	5
ILLAWARRA Stingers	8	2	0	6	32	36	4
BRISBANE Bombers	10	2	0	8	35	68	4
BUNDEBERG C'cutters	8	0	0	8	18	101	0

### This weeks results

Gridline Eagles 9 Canberra Strikers 5  
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Parramatta Spartans 8 Canberra Strikers 4  
Thomastown Twisties 9 Brisbane Bombers 1  
Geelong CC's Cats 9 Brisbane Bombers 1  
Perth Cougars 9 Bundaberg C'cutters 0  
Perth Cougars 7 Brisbane Bombers 5  
Lotto Allstars 2 Illawarra Stingers 1

### BUFFALO TopScorers

#### The Sharpshooters

43 Radovan Filipovic (Eagles)  
25 Zoran Atanasovski (Cougars)  
20 Carlos Akkary (Spartans)  
21 Emil Maracic (Rockets)  
19 Stan Dukic (Rockets)  
19 Zoran Blazic (Eagles)  
18 Jim Kanaridis (Strikers)  
17 Robbie Nogger (CC's)  
15 Vince Nastoski (Eagles)  
15 John Metaxas (Twisties)  
15 Peter Dameski (Spartans)  
14 Billy Stewart (Strikers)  
12 Steve Knight (Tornados)  
12 Michael Roki (Cougars)  
11 Fortunato Carvalho (Twisties)

#### BUFFALO PLAYER OF THE YEAR

22 — Radovan Filipovic (Eagles)  
11 — Stan Dukic (Rockets)  
11 — Zoran Blazic (Eagles)  
10 — Peter Dameski (Spartans)  
9 — Steve Knight (Tornados)  
9 — Robbie Nogger (CC's)  
9 — Carlos Akkary (Spartans)  
8 — Dragan Perkovic (Rockets)  
8 — Jim Kanaridis (Strikers)  
9 — Sasha Spirovski (Spartans)  
8 — Fortunato Carvalho (Twisties)

### NEXT WEEKS GAMES: Friday 9th October

Stingers v Canecutters at Wollongong Uni  
Rockets v Bombers at AIS  
Spartans v Eagles at Fairfield Leisure Centre

### Saturday 10th October

Tornados v CC's Cats at Fairfield  
Allstars v Twisties Crushers at Fairfield

Strikers v Bombers at AIS

Rockets v Canecutters at AIS

### Sunday 11th October

Allstars v CC's Cats at Fairfield  
Tornados v Twisties Crushers at Fairfield

Stingers v Bombers at Wollongong Uni

Strikers v Canecutters at AIS

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## AUSSIE SPORTS SOCCER

A NEW coaching manual has been printed in the Aussie Sports series, which is produced by the Aus-

tralian Council for Health, Physical Education and Recreation Inc. in Adelaide.

Apart from a profusely illustrated manual, the set-up is designed to appeal to girls as well as boys, together with their coaches.

There is a Skills Award

program as well as the manual itself.

Involved were National Coaching Director Eric Worthington, and Executive Director of the Australian Women's Soccer Association, Heather Reid, and also Philip Riggs of ACHPER.

## MARCONI'S UPGRADING

BY FRANK SCICLUNA

THE much needed and long awaited upgrading of Marconi Stadium is finally on the way — and the first stage is scheduled to be completed in time for next season's kick off in January.

Long regarded as one of the better venues in Sydney, facilities at Bossley Park have gradually deteriorated over the years, but the proposed improvements will once again make Marconi's home ground the pride of the west.

These are not pie in the sky, long term empty promises. Work started immediately following the State League final replay a couple of weeks ago.

By the time Marconi plays its first time match next season — probably with an evening kick off — brand new floodlights suitable for night telecasts will have been installed.

They will permit the present outdated lighting system to be utilised for the training pitches behind the main stadium, thus allowing the ground's playing area a chance to be properly preserved for National League matches.

The surface at Marconi used to be one of the best available, but training on it

three nights a week as well as using it for countless number of matches over the past few years gave the full time ground staff little chance of maintaining it's high standard.

The biggest renovations however will see a major improvement in facilities provided for players and referees.

Spacious new dressing rooms which will include a sauna, spa and gymnasium are being built beneath the grandstand with an underground tunnel leading the teams onto the field.

These extensions will simultaneously allow provision for the second stage of the ground's improvements to take place in the near future by providing a cover for the main stand.

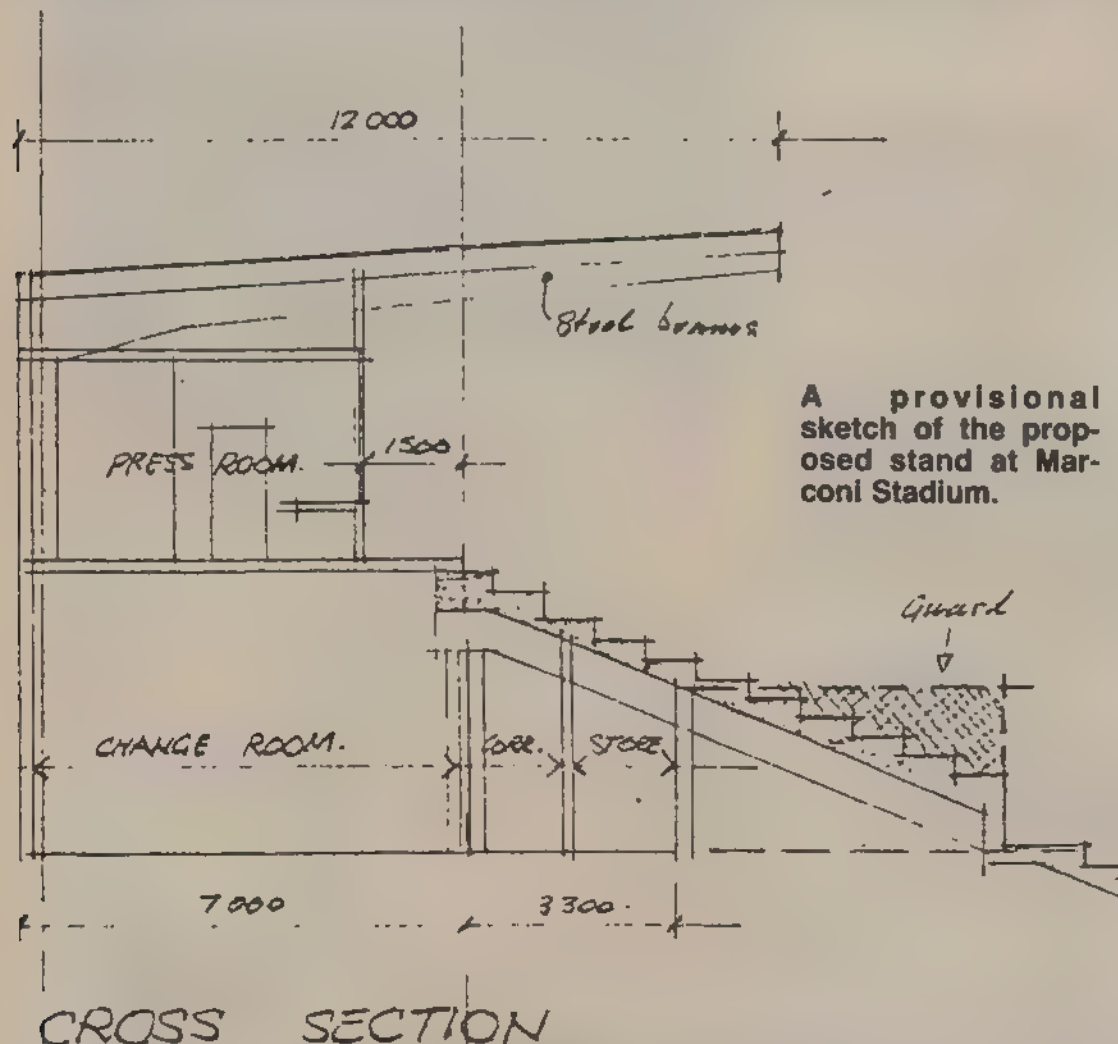
Present dressing room facilities will remain in use for the youth teams, eliminating the current unsatisfactory practice of two teams sharing the one room.

Unlike a number of other Sydney clubs, Marconi has to fund all its capital work itself without assistance from government grants as these are only available to sporting clubs who lease their grounds from local councils.

Club Marconi is in the fortunate position however of owning all its assets, and is therefore unable to obtain grants and low interest loans from government bodies.

Work being carried out at this moment is only the first step towards a determined effort by the current newly-elected board of directors to restore Marconi Stadium into the envy of every other professional Soccer club in Sydney.

Marconi has long had the reputation of being one of the most progressive and far sighted clubs in the country, by the time this project is finished, it will have set a standard that few will be able to match.



## BRISBANE LIONS ROAR IN

BY GREG RUSSELL

NEWLY crowned Queensland Grand Final winners, Brisbane Lions will be without former Socceroo fullback Alan Niven for this weekend's opening NSL promotion play-off match with Adelaide Hellas.

Niven, 30, one of the most experienced players in the Lions team requires an operation on an injured knee cartilage.

After being a regular all season, Niven missed last weekend's XXXX League Grand Final win over Azzuri Brisbane City.

The talented left back injured his knee in the final round of fixtures but was hopeful of being fit in time for the play-offs.

"I have seen three specialists and they all said the same thing. I suppose it is best to get it done now and be right for the start of next year," said an obviously disappointed Niven.

While Niven's class and experience will be sorely missed in the Lions team youngster Nick Meredith proved in the XXXX League finals series that he is a more than adequate replacement, and in time, could command the position in his own right.

Meredith was among the young stars for Lions in their Grand Final win, which gave them the double after securing the

League title three weeks ago.

But the youngster who stood out for Lions in the final was undoubtedly 18-year-old goalkeeper Jason Kearton, who was thrown into the first team in May when Rob Farrow broke his leg on the Queensland tour of New Zealand.

Throughout the tension-filled Grand Final, Kearton gave a faultless display, but it was in the final minutes that the youngster saved his side from a replay.

Azzuri Brisbane City striker Kieran Cooper, who had been subdued throughout the game by a superb shadow marking job by Keith Marsh, finally broke away and had just Kearton to beat to put his team on level terms.

But the youngster bravely raced off his line and spread himself in front of Cooper, parrying the shot away.

"It was like he had been doing it all his life," said Lions coach Gordon Arrowsmith.

Lions stopper Frank Liddell won the Man-of-

the-match award but Kearton must have been close behind in the votes.

The unlucky player in the Lions team was Scotsman, Jim Morton, who scored twice but had both disallowed for offside. While the second seemed a fair decision, Morton was harshly done by in being denied the first.

Not even the City players argued when in the 23rd minute, Morton cleverly controlled a Russell Stewart chip and turn to blast a shot into the Azzuri net.

But the linesman Ken Adriaansen ruled a player on the far side of the goalmouth was in an offside position, a case of interfering with play, or not?

The disallowed goal denied Lions an early lead but they managed to get in front just before halftime when John Ogden sidefooted in a well-placed Grant Light-brown cross.

Azzuri took just two minutes in the second half to equalise and Kearton was unlucky to con-

cede the goal. City's Irish striker Martin Nugent got a soft touch on a ball in a scramble and Kearton moved for what would have been an easy take, but a last minute deflection sent the ball toward the other side of the goal.

As the prospect of a replay was looming, Lions netted the winner when Dave Wheeler headed and Frank Liddell put pressure on Wayne Evans on a corner and the ball deflected into the net of the side of Wheeler's head.

After the match Arrowsmith predicted his side would not get a tougher match during the play-off series.

"In the 1984 NSL finals series the games were as tough as that," Arrowsmith said. "It had been an excellent preparation for the matches against Adelaide."

Beaten Azzuri coach Juan Cutillas believed his side had played the better football on the day and predicted Lions would have to improve "100 percent" if they hoped to make the NSL.

## UPGRADED YOUTH CENTRES AID ENGLISH TECHNIQUES

NSW DIRECTOR OF COACHING ALAN VEST REPORTS YOUTH

IT was interesting comparing the national school at Lillieshall in England to the soccer segment at the Institute of Sport in Canberra.

Initially players are selected from the various centres of excellence throughout the country — of which there are 116 — run through the FA by league clubs.

For example, Manchester United have a centre in Manchester and one in the north east run by "Pop" Robson.

These centres are for selected boys in the 11-13 age range and are concerned with skills and technique.

The best of these boys are then selected for a



couple of camps at the National School, throughout the year before the final squad of 16 are selected for the next year's intake to stay two years.

The same happens the next year so that two separate squads are always in the school, in the age range 14-16, before then going back to their clubs, to become professional players.

Everything is run on a professional basis with strong emphasis on discipline, although in a good atmosphere.

In fact, the boys are virtually supervised all day.

Occasionally they have a session 7.30-8.00, breakfast at 8.00 then all at the same school until 3.00pm, training and homework between 3.00-6.00 depending which squad they are in.

Dinner at 6.30pm, 7.30pm skill training, 8.30pm recreation time supervised by the national school principal, rooms at 10.00pm.

That is Monday to Friday, Saturday they are taken to a 1st Division game and Sunday play a 1st Division Youth Team.

The boys have to have written permission from parents and principal to go off the complex, but occasionally do go back to clubs for promotional work.

They have special duties to do on a roster

basis, e.g. cleaning dressing rooms as well as voluntary projects throughout the year, which most do, with handicapped etc.

Throughout the year they have one or two tours abroad and the majority make up the English Schoolboys team, although odd boys not at the school can be selected.

A typically weekly programme is as follows:

**MONDAY:** 1st year 9-10.45am, 2nd year 4.30-6pm.

**TUESDAY:** 1st year 4.30-6pm, 2nd year 3-4.30pm.

**WEDNESDAY:** 1st year 4.30-6pm, 4.30-6pm.

**THURSDAY/FRIDAY:** 1st year 3-4.30pm, 2nd year 4.30-6pm.

The attitude and approach to training is superb on the part of all the boys — from basic skills as done in the centres of excellence to group and team skills.

Ground rules are set early but rapport between staff and players is very good, in fact rightly or wrongly the coaches are addressed as "Sir."

All training gear is kept as at a club, with a boot room, gear room etc. So in fact the players are serving apprenticeships to become professional players.

In following weeks I'll outline some of the sessions I saw there.

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## SYLVANIA'S SUCCESS

By RUSHY

BOTH teams played some superb football in a fairly even match which saw Sylvania run out eventual winners 3-1 in the NSW Champion of Champions U-11 quarter-final at Parramatta Stadium.

Castle Hill were unlucky not to go ahead in the eighth minute when Luke McDonald shot from wide out, with the ball crashing against the crossbar.

Sylvania took the lead only four minutes later when Anthony Spencer slotted his shot home from two metres, after Castle Hill had failed to clear.

The Hills lads had an opportunity to equalise late in the first half when Timothy Gledhill crossed from wide on the right.

The Sylvania clearance fell perfectly for him. His shot was rocketing goalward but the Sylvania keeper Todd Calderwood was well positioned to save.

Soon after halftime the crowd was treated to what could well have been the goal of the day.

Sylvania midfielder Mathew Brown made a jinking run through the centre, and drawing his man, slipped a perfect pass behind the defence for Dean Harris to run from the far side of his defender to face the keeper and put his team ahead 2-0.

The goal brought the

crowd of over 2000 to its feet in admiration.

Castle Hill continued to attack with everything they had and were rewarded in the 45th minute when Luke Allshorn lobbed a tremendous shot past the keeper.

Scott Henderson sealed the match for Sylvania in the dying seconds after the Castle Hill keeper had been unable to handle a difficult headed shot.

Having spoken to the lads before the match it was obvious how nervous they were.

However the standard of football provided was excellent from both teams and all players can be proud of their efforts and no doubt they will long remember the feeling of playing on the Parramatta Stadium.

CASTLE HILL: Luke Allshorn, Daniel Ashford, Timothy Gledhill, Brad Hall, Timothy Hutchinson, Robbie Kerr, Luke McDonald, Russell Pattison, Edward Savovic, Troy Scrivener, Luke Stafford, Trent Wheeler, Brad Young. Coach: Geoff McDonald. Mgr: Peter McDonald.

SYLVANIA HEIGHTS: Todd Calderwood, Richard Brooks, Raymond Brooks, Stephen Hodge, Jamie Price, Anthony Spencer, Mark Knoles, Scott Henderson, Dane Pallister, Travis Barker, Darren McDonald, Dean Harris, Mathew Brown. Coach: John Grounds. Mgr: Ross Barker.



TONY POPOVIC  
Club—Croatia



GEORGE SORRAS  
Club—Sydney Olympic

## TRIPLE VICTORY FOR NSW

NSW have scooped the pool by winning all three National Titles. The NSW U15s looked strong all week and finished off with a polished 3-1 victory over Western Australia.

On Thursday night the U13's chances were looking very slim. However the team showed plenty of character to win their final matches including an impressive 3-1 win over South Australia, after successive losses earlier in the week.

The NSW U14s met Victoria on Saturday with the Southerners requiring a win to take the championship. N.S.W. were able to hold on for 0-0 draw which saw them claim the title with a superior goal difference.

Congratulations to the N.S.W. Soccer Federation for including a junior match in the programme for the State Bank first grade Grand Final.

The standard of football presented was excellent and also well received by a very vocal crowd.

I feel certain that officials will also see that the experiment has been a success, and I would not be surprised to learn of similar ventures next season.

The two teams competing were Sylvania Heights and Castle Hill in a NSW Champion of Champions quarter final.

The teams only found out at training on Wednesday night about the ground, and while very nervous were also extremely excited about the prospect of playing on Parramatta Stadium.

Only four teams remain in each of the age groups competing in this year's Champion of Champions and this weekend will decide the two finalists for

1987.

the finals will be played at Valentine Park on Sunday October 18.

This weekend the N.S.W. Amateur Soccer Federation will be staging the State championships, also at Valentine Park and some top Soccer should be on display.

Of particular interest will be the matches between this year's Adriatic Youth League finalists, this of course being the ideal opportunity for the losing finalists to make amends.

## THE NSW UNDER 13 squad.



## APIA U/14 YOUTH LEAGUE



BACK ROW L to R: Vince Aiello (manager), Richard Prior, Steve Calo, Adam Powell, Ryan Govier, Robert Palazzolo, Aldo Martinich, Alex Vilella. FRONT ROW: Paul Bourke, Adam Whan, Darren Elkin, Dean Stojkovic, Norm Tome, Roman Nikolic.

APIA U14: NSW Youth League Champions, minor Premiers and Metropolitan Champions.

This was the only side out of all the NSW Youth League sides to win the double of minor premiership and grand final when they defeated Southern Districts 3-1.

The team was also the APIA Junior Soccer Club's champion team of the year.

They are coached by outstanding junior coach Tony Raciti.

## RUSHY'S N.S.W. PLAYER

NAME: George Sorras.  
BIRTHDATE: 11.4.72  
HOME: Sydney.  
PRESENT CLUB: Sydney Olympic.  
PRESENT COACHES: Alan Vest, Paul Ankudinoff, Greg Ankudinoff.  
PREVIOUS CLUBS: Kingsford.  
PREVIOUS COACHES: Paul Sao, Chris Hrist, Harry Tsoukatos.  
FAVOURITE POSITION: Attacking Midfielder.  
POSITIONS PLAYED: Goalkeeper, Defender, Midfielder.  
REP HONOURS: N.S.W. Under 13, 14, 15 and 18s - 1987.  
FAVOURITE PLAYERS: Oscar Crino, Chris Kalantzis, Chris Waddle.  
MOST MEMORABLE MOMENT: Mini Ampol Cup 1984, Australian Championships-U13.  
BIGGEST DISAPPOINTMENT: Not making Australian Under 16s-1987.  
OTHER SPORTS: Soccer, Soccer, Soccer.  
1987 AIMS: To be crowned Australian Champions at U15 National Titles.  
LONG TERM AMBITIONS: Reach highest level in soccer.  
GREATEST INFLUENCE ON CAREER: Family, Greg Ankudinoff, Alan Vest and Frank Campbell.

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## VICTORIA

### STATE LEAGUE

#### RESERVES

Maribymong	28	19	5	4	85	28	43
Green Gully	28	15	6	7	65	31	36
Broadmeadows	28	17	2	9	70	43	36
Box Hill	28	13	9	6	53	36	35
Thomastown	28	14	6	8	53	36	34
Monwell Falcons	28	13	8	7	52	37	34
Fawkner	28	12	8	8	57	32	34
Croydon City	28	9	11	8	48	42	29
Caulfield City	28	12	5	11	68	72	29
St Albans	28	12	4	12	61	54	28
Northcote City	28	7	10	11	44	54	24
Springvale City	28	8	4	16	43	67	20
Western Subs	28	6	4	18	52	91	16
Frankston Pines	28	5	3	20	39	93	11
Oakleigh	28	4	3	21	39	93	11

#### VIC ONE

Bulleen	26	19	3	4	42	14	41
Ringwood City	26	19	2	5	50	14	40
Altona Gate	26	14	7	5	35	15	35
Knox City	26	14	5	7	44	27	33
Nth Dandenong	26	14	4	8	40	27	33
Sunbury Utd	26	13	6	7	37	26	32
Albion Rovers	26	11	6	9	32	29	28
Essendon City	26	10	5	11	41	34	25
Wernbee	26	10	10	11	33	22	32
Nunawading City	26	5	9	12	23	30	19
SM Mordialloc	26	5	7	14	28	46	17
Richmond	26	1	13	12	13	45	15
Doncaster Rvrs	26	4	4	18	20	59	12
Melbourne	26	3	6	17	13	53	12

#### RESERVES

Altona Gate	26	18	4	4	64	34	40
Nth Dandenong	26	16	4	5	58	30	36
Bulleen	26	14	6	6	53	38	34
Ringwood City	26	14	2	10	61	37	30
Essendon City	26	12	6	8	51	40	30
Nunawading City	26	12	6	8	45	36	30
Doncaster Rvrs	26	11	7	8	46	49	29
Knox City	26	9	10	7	60	39	28
Wernbee	26	8	8	10	37	44	24
Albion	26	7	5	11	33	48	19
Melbourne	26	6	5	14	31	36	17
SM Mordialloc	26	6	4	16	45	58	16
Sunbury Utd	26	6	4	16	46	64	16
Richmond	26	5	4	17	28	101	13

#### VIC TWO

Westgate	26	17	4	5	65	35	38
Mooroolbark	26	16	5	5	53	21	37
Sandringham	26	15	7	4	39	25	37
Nth Geelong	26	14	6	6	42	32	34
Clifton Hill	26	11	9	6	47	29	31
Dandenong City	26	13	5	8	45	35	31
Prahran City	26	10	9	7	48	33	29
Waverley City	26	10	7	9	39	35	27
Altona City	26	8	9	9	39	35	25
Ringwood Utd	26	8	7	11	33	36	23
Eltham	26	7	6	13	35	20	24
Doveton	26	4	7	15	25	39	15
Hamlyn Rvrs	26	2	7	17	27	63	11
Mornington	26	1	4	21	19	79	6

#### RESERVES

Doveton	26	17	8	1	60	14	42
Clifton Hill	26	16	5	7	54	27	37
Sandringham	26	13	8	5	46	32	34
Mooroolbark	26	12	7	6	42	23	31
Waverley City	26	12	7	7	59	41	31
Eltham	26	11	8	8	55	38	31
Westgate	26	11	4	9	48	31	28
Nth Geelong	26	10	8	9	59	39	26
Altona City	26	8	9	12	38	36	23
Dandenong City	26	8	11	28	28	22	20
Prahran City	26	9	12	15	48	22	20
Ringwood Utd	26	8	13	31	60	18	16
Hamlyn Rvrs	26	4	9	13	26	47	17
Mornington	26	0	26	12	157	0	0

#### VIC THREE

West Brunswick	24	15	3	6	43	22	33
Kellor	24	13	7	4	38	23	30
Port Melbourne	24	11	8	5	41	28	30
Springvale Utd	24	12	4	8	40	42	28
Clarinada	24	9	7	8	47	29	31
Yallourn	24	8	8	8	29	26	24
Cono/Geelong	24	6	9	9	30	34	21
Bell Park	23	9	11	3	34	42	19
Moorabbin City	24	6	8	10	31	34	20
Geelong	23	9	12	12	27	38	19
Rosanna	24	7	5	12	32	35	19
Moreland Pk Rgr	24	5	9	10	29	43	19
F.T. Gully	24	7	3	14	31	47	17

#### RESERVES

Yallourn	24	17	3	4	75	22	37
Moorabbin City	23	16	4	7	60	15	37
West Brunswick	23	17	2	4	53	31	37
Clarinada	24	10	8	6	63	45	28
Kellor	24	11	6	7	62	45	28
Rosanna	24	11	4	9	54	42	26
Moreland Pk Rgr	24	8	8	8	41	38	24
Port Melbourne	24	9	4	11	38	22	22
Cono/Geelong	24	6	7	1	31	42	19
F.T. Gully	23	7	4	12	36	53	18
Bell Park	23	3	7	13	20	55	13
Springvale Utd	23	6	1	16	33	69	13
Geelong	23	1	3	19	14	85	5

#### VIC FOUR

Lalor Utd	26	15	5	6	33	23	35
Seaford Utd	26	14	4	7	40	31	32
Hawthorn	26	12	8	6	45	37	32
Passcoe Vale	26	12	7	7	41	26	31
Keysborough	26	11	8	7	51	33	30

Coburg	26	11	8	7	46	33	30
Williamstown	26	10	7	9	39	40	27
Holland Park	26	10	5	11	45	43	25
Langwarrin	26	8	7	11	27	36	23
East Brunswick	26	9	14	34	47	21	20
Boronia	26	7	6	13	37	41	20
Karingal Utd	26	7	6	13	36	49	20
Diamond Vly Utd	26	7	5	14	25	37	19
Prahran	26	7	5	14	28	52	19

#### RESERVES

Diamond Vly Utd	26	21	3	2	93	23	45
Lalor Utd	26	18	7	1	80	29	43
Hawthorn	26	12	7	7	59	50	31
Boronia	26	11	7	8	56	37	29
Coburg	26	12	5	9	43	42	29
Langwarrin	26	10	8	8	40	40	26
Karingal Utd	26	10	6	10	44	41	26
Seaford Utd	26	11	4	11	53	51	26
Keysborough	26	9	7	10	38	33	25
Holland Park	26	11	3	12	47	56	25
Williamstown	26	6	8	12	55	72	20
Passcoe Vale	26	5	5	16	39	60	15
Prahran	26	7	1	18	40	69	15
East Brunswick	26	3	1	22	29	118	7

#### PROV ONE

Chelsea	24	14	6	4	48	23	34
Greensborough	24	14	5	5	56	26	33
Clayton	24	15	3	6	58	37	33
Malvern City	24	13	6	5	58	32	32
Nth Sunshine	24	13	3	8	40	26	29
Ivanhoe City	24	11	5	8	33	25	27
Ardeer	24	9	5	10	34	30	23
Melton	24	10	8	11	40	39	23
Balaclava	24	9	4	11	39	32	22
Regent	24	6	6	12	23	29	18
Central City	24	6	2	16	28	72	14
East Geelong	24	4	5	15	26	67	11
Brighton	24	4	3	17	21	69	11

#### RESERVES

Ivanhoe City	24	19	3	2	71	18	41
Clayton	24	18	1	5	73	20	37
Malvern City	24	15	2	7	92	44	30
Nth Sunshine	24	15	2	7	60	31	32
Balaclava	24	14	2	8	58	36	30
Ardeer	24	13	3	8	68	35	25
Melton	24	12	1	11	55	41	29
Greensborough	24	11	3	10	54	61	25
Regent	24	9	5	10	47	53	23
Brighton	24	7	15	29	68	11	11
Chelsea	24	4	3	17	36	132	11
Central City	24	2	5	17	26	87	9
East Geelong	24	3	1	20	42	85	7

#### PROV TWO

Westmeadows	26	17	7	1	73	34	43
Mossfield	26	17	2	7	53	28	36
Brunswick City	26	15	6	5	55	32	36
Cranbourne	26	15	6	5	49	28	36
Ascot Vale City	26	13	7	6	56	42	33
Berwick City	26	13	7	5	45	27	33
St Albans	26	11	4	10	43	42	26
Monbulk	26	10	4	12	32	40	24
Monash Utd	26	8	7	11	44	45	23
Dingley Utd	26	6	8	12	34	38	20
Batman Utd	26	9	1	16	38	63	19
Glenroy	26	7	4	15	39	48	18
Forest Hill	26	5	2	19	25	69	12
Wantima	25	1	1	23	28	86	3

#### RESERVES

Westmeadows	25	17	5	3	74	24	39
Monash Utd	25	16	7	2	68	30	39
Berwick City	25	17	3	5	69	40	37
Mossfield	25	15	6	5	67	32	35
Monbulk	26	11	9	6	55	39	31
Glenroy	26	8	10	8	54	43	26
Ascot Vale City	25	9	4	12	44	57	22
Batman Utd	26	8	6	12	47	52	22
Brunswick City	25	7	11	48	64	21	20
Forest Hill	25	7	6	12	41	54	20
Dingley Utd	26	8	3	15	37	68	19
Cranbourne	24	6	6	12	35	42	18
St Albans	26	4	4	18	29	65	12
Wantima	22	3	5	14	30	77	11

#### PROV THREE

Sp'vale Condors	26	20	5	1	96	20	45
Uni of Melb	26	18	5	3	102	28	41
Meadow Park	26	18	5	3	79	26	41
Waverley Utd	26	14	7	5	81	28	34
Lalor	26	14	6	6	57	29	34
Burwood Utd	26	10	6	10	45	43	26
Mitcham	26	11	3	12	54	45	25
St Springvale	26	9	7	10	59	62	25
R'wood Rvrs	26	9	5	12	51	66	23
Parkmore	26	7	6	13	39	77	20
Richmond Utd	26	5	7	14	55	91	17
St Kilda	26	4	4	18	43	67	12
Northern Utd	25	4	4	17	36	93	12
Port Utd	25	2	2	21	20	134	6





The President and various directors of the Uruguayan FA have resigned and the start of the new League season was delayed yet again by financial problems involving top clubs Penarol and Nacional.

To complete the sorry tale Uruguayan referees are threatening strike

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